



Newsletter - Term 4, Week 10 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.

A copy of the Principal's Report given on Presentation Night, 2014

Reflecting back over the past 12 months I marvel at, what has been accomplished. These achievements have been the result of enormous effort, personal sacrifice, focus and the committed involvement of many people. I draw your attention to the back of your program, where I have included a quote from Morris West's book: *A View from the Ridge*, he says *"I believe in the working of the Holy Spirit within the visible and invisible assembly of the people of God. I believe that the Spirit, like the wind, blows where it will and that we act most foolishly when we try to plot or determine the action of the Spirit"*.

Standing here a year ago I felt confident that I could articulate with some degree of accuracy what the year ahead had in store. Most of which has unfolded as imagined. However, as you know, this year has brought with it a few surprises, as it is with building a new College. Saint Mary MacKillop often said: *"In working for God we must have little trials"*. This year, some of our trials were more like challenges:

- Starting the school year four classrooms short and having to run lessons in the library for longer than we ever anticipated; and,
- Having no place to gather as a whole College for assembly or liturgies or sport until a few weeks ago are some of those challenges.

This year, the tough times have reinforced in me the real reasons for our existence, as a Catholic School.

I have often thought that attending to the aesthetic aspects of our College can make a significant contribution to the religious and spiritual formation of our young people. Yes this is true. But clearly it alone is not enough. Our Catholic Tradition has a long history of connecting the design and care of particular buildings to the Religious and Spiritual formation of people. But it alone does not make the difference. What makes the difference is the experiences of our heart.

The famous book *"The Little Prince"* written by Antoine de Saint Exupery contains a conversation between a Fox and a Prince. The Prince decides to tame the Fox. The Prince and the Fox have many conversations about responsibility and what being responsible means. The Prince talks to the Fox about his Rose Garden and one Rose in particular. The Prince talks about this Rose being unique in the entire world. The little Prince cannot understand why his Rose which looks like every other Rose, is different and so special to him. The Fox explains that it is because of the nurturing, the attending, the watering, and the shading from the sun. The Fox goes on to say to the Prince: *"it is the time you have wasted on your Rose that makes your Rose so important"*. At MacKillop we believe people are important and deserve our time, attention and the actions of our heart.

Let us put our hands together for those who, have given their precious time and resources to our College this year: NT Government, Catholic Education Office, MacKillop College Board and P & F Assoc. As we look around, I am particularly impressed by our students. And I am sure you are as well! Congratulations to our award recipients, our entertainers, and a special thanks to those wonderful students who have given their time tonight and have come to support them.

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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"



**Laretta Graham
Principal**

**Happy Christmas
And a
Safe and Happy
New Year to you
all!**



Principal's Report Continued....

Being the best we can be also means working in partnership. Way back in 2011, we noticed the lack of community facilities for young people in Palmerston. Since then the College has worked to improve school and community infrastructure through the development of the various partnerships, we now enjoy. We have the following groups who have made their home at MacKillop:

- First Palmerston Scouts;
- MacKillop Sharks Rugby League Club;
- Arafura Wind Ensemble;
- Palmerston Ballet School; and,
- A Palmerston Woman's Fitness Group.

Presently, we are developing partnerships with: the Girl Guides; Palmerston Basketball; and Charles Darwin University's excellence program. Let us congratulate all involved in developing partnerships between MacKillop and the wider community.

Forming partnerships with other schools, industry, government and not working in isolation, is one way we can continue to provide the very best for everyone. Our aim, over the next five years, is to further explore opportunities for working in partnership. For us, this is being authentic to our Vision. Our aim is to move the Heart of Palmerston over MacKillop.

2014' has been highlighted by the consolidation of the Middle Years and the development of the Senior Years. In 2002, Brendan Nelson former Minister for Education said: "the challenge for education is not simply to prepare young people for the future; it is to equip them to create the kind of future they want". Throughout this year we have kept this in mind; knowing that every decision we make and everything we do has consequences; consequences for our student's future. We take seriously the fact that all individuals learn in different ways, and at different rates. We understand that young people benefit from adult conversation, advocacy, and mentorship. We truly believe in the value, genius and goodness of our students, in the plan God has for them. As parents and educators we are called to trust them, learn from them and enjoy their company, as we walk with them toward a future more in their hands than ours. We applaud our teachers and their development of an excellent innovative curriculum. Remember, education is the key to participating in the world, it gives you choice.

As James Bell once said: "to face tomorrow with the thought of using the methods of yesterday is to envision life at a standstill; our teachers believe that even, that which, we now do well, must be done better tomorrow".

And finally: for your generosity of time & energy this year, thank you. For being an active member of our community, thank you. May you be blessed in your journey, and be inspired by our Patron Mary MacKillop – an ordinary person, who continues to do extraordinary things, and whose life gives witness to Christ.

This evening, I ask you to praise God for all that is past and trust in God for all that is to come.

May your journey always be filled with blessings and may the life of Mary MacKillop ignite in you the flames of faith and service. Thank you.

Blessings and a very happy and holy Christmas. Stay Safe.

**Laretta Graham
Principal**

College Captains: NT Sporting Hero's:

Nicholas Walkington
Liam Mulvahil
Alysha Pope
Kayla Mullins
Shane Buttfield
Tahlia Rogers
Matthew Murphy

Campbell Smith
David Bell
Denzel Tulloch
Erin Lidbetter
Haven Hohipa-Wilson
Jack Deane
Jamie Thorne
Joshua Walkington
Kyle Collins
Liam Walsh
Mattea Breed
Navrin Grothues
Rebecca Thorne
Zach Rakkas
Zara Pattiselanno
Ella Mulvahil
Johanna Thomas
Matthew Cox
Joel Curby
Zoe Carrier
Robert Bull
Joel Curby
Zoe Carrier
Robert Bull

House Leaders:

Kaelah White
Khayne Townsend
Teegan Wattam
Julyan Mohan
La-Toniya Norris
Dale White
Bryanna Crawley

Sportswomen of the Year
Sponsor: Metro Mini Bus

Alysha Healy

Sportsman of the Year
Sponsor:

We Sell Fun - Thomas Family
Adrian Lawrence

Champion House Cup
Sponsor: KPMG

GOLD House

Cultural Awards 2014
Most Outstanding Musician

Sponsor: Woodroffe Family

Sarah Grant

Most Improved Musician

Sponsor: SBA Distributers

Katelyn Ligteringen

Most Committed & Dedicated Musician

Sponsor: MEC Services

Matthew Murphy

Visual Arts

Sponsor: Cleanaway

Olivia Harding

Most Outstanding Drama Student

Sponsor: Shamrock Chemicals

Sarah Spence

Most Outstanding Dance Student

Sponsor: Palmerston Ballet School

Porsche Foster

Modern Languages - Japanese Award

Sponsor: Adam Ant

Eleftheria Skliros

Modern Languages - Cultural Award

Sponsor: Easy Glass

Tanisha Kamarudin

Vocational Education & Training Awards 2014

Female Vocational Education Student of the Year

Sponsor: VELG Training
Hannah Llewellyn

Male Vocational Education Student of the Year

Sponsor: VELG Training
Wayne Welland

Community Recognition Awards

Chief Minister's Literacy Achievement Awards

Samuel Deigan	Most Improved Writing
Caitlin Burt	Most Improved Writing
Emily Renshaw	Most Imaginative Work
Georgia Shields	Most Improved Writing
Mattea Breed	Most Improved Writing
Kayla Martin	Most Improved Writing
Hannah Esslemont	Most Improved Writing
Rebecca Thorne	Most Imaginative Work
Chelsea Probyn	Most Imaginative Work
Sandy Tran	Most Imaginative Written
Rhiannon Bates	Most Improved Writing
Alysha Pope	Most Improved Writing

Champion Reader Award

Sponsor: Elders Palmerston, Sue & Gennie Cox
Cameron Perry

Community Service Awards

Sponsor: Elders Palmerston, Sue & Gennie Cox

Jessica O'Garey
Patrick Rose
Olivia Harding

Specialised Learning Area Awards

Information & Technology Award

Sponsor: Area 9
Zac Russ

Design & Technology Award

Sponsor: The Colley Family
Felix Robinson

Academic Awards for Year 7

Sponsor: The Hon Peter Chandler
MLA, Member for Brennan

Year 7 Outstanding Academic & Merit Achiever's

Jack Brownhill	<i>Food Technology</i>
Caitlin Burt	<i>Religious Education</i>
Jayden Clarke	<i>ICT</i>
Amelia Cole	<i>Music</i>
Reece Douglas	<i>Instrumental Music</i>
Zahli Gibsone	<i>Religious Education</i>
Navrin Grothues	<i>Design & Technology</i>
Zacariah Howe	<i>Science</i>
Chardelle Javier	<i>ICT, Japanese</i>
Louise Jones	<i>English, Indonesian</i>
Bryanna Kennedy	<i>SOSE</i>
Erica Koch	<i>Dance</i>
Aidan Laughton	<i>Japanese</i>
Mackayla McGowan	<i>Dance, Textiles</i>
Lachlan O'Donnell	<i>Science</i>
Isabelle Pfau	<i>Visual Arts</i>
Emily Renshaw	<i>SOSE</i>
Dechlan Richards	<i>Design & Technology</i>
Jerzeeh Robinson	<i>Drama</i>
Eleftheria Skliros	<i>English</i>
Maria Stoddard	<i>Instrumental Music</i>
Jeremy Taylor	<i>Mathematics, Food Technology</i>
Phillip Vo	<i>Physical Education</i>
Samantha Waghorn	<i>Mathematics</i>
Joshua Walkington	<i>Physical Education</i>

Overall Award for Diligence

Year 7

Jerzeeh Robinson & Zacariah Howe

Overall Academic Achiever

Year 7

Louise Jones

Academic Awards for Year 8

Sponsor: The Heffernan Family

Year 8 Outstanding Academic & Merit Achiever's

Porsche Foster	Dance
Chelsea Probyn	Design & Technology, Drama, Visual Arts
Sarah Walker	English
Emma Forsyth	Food Technology
Arrogon Prosser	ICT
Katelyn Ligteringen	Instrumental Music, Music
Alysha Healy	Mathematics
Cheyenne Irving	Japanese
Sophie Port	Indonesian, Science, SOSE
Lachlan Riley	Physical Education
Rene Hardy	Dance
Darcy Barnes	Industrial Design & Technology
Georgia Hulm	Drama
Courtney Austerberry	English
Brendon Campbell	Food Technology
Alexandra DeLosa	ICT, Instrumental Music
Zachary Gordon	Mathematics
Jasmin Hazel	Japanese
Lachlan Miller	Music
Emma Forsyth	Physical Education, Religious Education
David Bell	Science
Rebecca Thorne	Visual Arts

Overall Award for Diligence Year 8

Alysha Healy

Overall Academic Achiever Year 8

Chelsea Probyn

Academic Awards for Year 9

Sponsor: A2Z Business Machines

Year 9 Outstanding Academic & Merit Achiever's

Sarah Spence	Dance, Drama, English
Madison Northrop	Drama, ICT, Science
Jessica O'Garey	English
Felix Robinson	Industrial Design & Technology, Visual Arts
Sarah Grant	Instrumental Music, Music
Sandy Tran	Japanese, Mathematics, Religious Education, Science
Zoe Carrier	Physical Education
Alysha Pope	Visual Arts
Alannah Wynd	Design & Technology - Textiles
Claudia Borlace	Dance
Aimee Pigram	Design & Technology
Joesph Chin	Textile Technology
Clarissa Kennedy-Scott	ICT
Cameron Perry	Industrial Design & Technology
Erin Lidbetter	Japanese
Kayla Mullins	Mathematics
Olivia Harding	Mathematics, Religious Education, SOSE, Food Technology
Tanisha Kamarudin	Instrumental Music
Zac Russ	Music
Shane Venes	Physical Education

Overall Award for Diligence Year 9

Olivia Harding

Overall Academic Achiever Year 9

Sandy Tran

Academic Awards for Year 10

Sponsor: CBS Civil Contracting—The Lloyd Family

Year 10 Outstanding Academic & Merit Achiever's

Tamarah Hayward	Dance, Mathematics
Matthew Murphy	Design & Technology, Instrumental Music
Taimahua Terupo	English, Physical Education, Science, Textiles
Dustin Carter	ICT, Personal Learning Plan
Georgina Falconer	Japanese
Prynzes Dalistan	Mathematics, SOSE, Science
Jakob Deigan	Religious Education
Landon Fotheringham	Textiles, Physical Education
Angus Bryan	Personal Learning Plan, Religious Education
Davida Norris	Dance
Lleyton Mitchell	English Literacy
Tihana Kearney	English
Jakob Deigan	ICT
Jack Hockey	Japanese

Overall Award for Diligence Year 10

Prynzes Dalistan

Overall Academic Achiever Year 10

Taimahua Terupo

Academic Awards for Year 11

Sponsor: Killarney Homes - The Moriarty Family

Year 11 Outstanding Academic & Merit Achiever's

Shane Buttfield	Cert111 Christian Ministries, Physics, Chemistry
Joel Sobieralski	English, Art, Mathematics
Aidan Cross	Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, Outdoor Education, English
Joseph Newsham	Mathematics Applications, Physical Education
Emma Lloyd	Numeracy for Community Life
Alannah Hogan	History, Health
Tahlia Rogers	Health, Mathematics, Biology, Dance
Tamarah Hayward	Dance
Maleena Norris	Cert111 Christian Ministries, Physical Education
Jessyka Hanson	Literacy for CommunityLife
Callum Flanagan	Numeracy for Community Life, Art
Jeffrey Woodroffe	Outdoor Education

Overall Award for Diligence Year 11

Joel Sobieralski

Overall Academic Achiever Year 11

Aidan Cross

Special Awards Based on our Catholic Faith and Identity, 2014

Christian Leadership Award

Sponsor: MacKillop Catholic College Board

Olivia Harding

Community Spirit Award

Sponsor: Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA - Member for Drysdale

Alysha Pope

Service to the College and Wider Community Award

Sponsor: Diamantina Plumbing - Simon & Sheree Mitchell

Oliver Dulay

Servant Leadership Award

Sponsor: the Port Family

Davida Norris

MacKillop Catholic College Community Commitment and Participation Award

Sponsor: Parents and Friends Association

*Ngametua Aukino
Bernadette Perry*

The Darwin Diocesan Scholarship Award

Sponsor: The Darwin Diocesan Development Fund (DDF)

Maleena Norris



Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our
Sponsors for our

Presentation Night 2014

Helping us to celebrate our Academic Year
At MacKillop Catholic College

Presentation Night in Pictures!



Presentation Night in Pictures!



Presentation Night in Pictures!





David Graham
Instrumental & Liturgical
Music Coordinator

Music Department News

All musical instruments should be returned by now for our stocktake. If a parent wishes to hire the instrument their student was using, please contact the Music Department, Mrs Michelle Mills on 89305712.



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Around the Campus

Congratulations!

To **Sharlene Maddocks**

On being awarded the

**VET in Schools - Hairdressing
Student of the Year** at the recent
School of Service Industries
Presentation of Prizes 2014 with
Charles Darwin University

Her Employer is: The Shearing Shed

Great result Sharlene!



Beki Griffin (on the left) & Sharlene Maddocks

College Calendar

11th December	Last Day of School for all students for 2014 - students finish at 12 noon
19th December	Office Closes
12th January 2015	Office Opens
29th January 2015	FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2015 for all students

Around the Campus & Community Notices



What an Honour!

Mr David Graham, MacKillop Catholic College Head of Performing Arts has been invited to represent the AAB in their Band at the 2015 August Service at Gallipoli celebrating 100 years! *Congratulations!*



Uniform Shop

Opening Times 2014 & 2015:

9th-12th December: 2pm-4pm

15th-19th December : 10am-4pm :

Monday 22nd

December-Friday 9th

January 2015:

**Office & Uniform Shop
CLOSED**

Monday 12th January
2015 onwards:

**Opening Times: 9am-
4pm**

**Hurry Hurry.....there is still some
stock left before next year!**



STOP PRESS: Our Strings teacher, Mr Alphonsus Tan played first violin for the Darwin Symphony Orchestra "Celebrate Christmas Jazz Concert with James Morrison". Well done!

Here is an extract from a letter received from the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation:

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31st December 2014. this means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1st January 2015:

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC27248'.

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post will need to complete the application form tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC22604'.

The ATO will continue working with teachers to educate students about tax and superannuation. The curriculum resource tax, super & you is a free, easy to use, online educational resource aligned to the school curriculum of each State and Territory. The accessed at taxsuperandyou.gov.au

For further information please call 1300130282 business hours.

MacKillop /Sacred Heart Netball
Palmerston Netball Season 2015 have been confirmed:

- 9/u & 11/u Saturday mornings
- 13/u, 15/u & 17/u Tuesday nights
- Club Sign on Day is Saturday 7th February
- Season starts 7th March & Tuesday 10th March
- Grand Finals Saturday 5th September & Tuesday 8th September

Any assistance greatly appreciated! For further information please contact Sharon Forsyth, Netball Coordinator, Sharon.forsyth@nt.catholic.edu.au