



## Newsletter - Term 1, Week 9 March 2014

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**"Never see a need without trying to do something about it"**



### Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Community,

This newsletter serves to highlight some of the essential policies governing important aspects of the College for all students. These reminders come under the headings of: Sun Safety, Pastoral Care Procedures, Retreats and Camps, Uniform and Homework.

All who live in our tropics are vitally concerned about Sun Cancer. It is imperative that all associated with our College are protecting themselves from the damaging effects of the sun and giving positive messages regarding sun safety to our students. We ask everyone to wear a hat whilst out in the sun, particularly when walking to and from school, to buses or pick up areas, and during play.

Attached to this newsletter is our role description of the Home Form Teacher. It is very important that when making contact with the College everyone follows the designated channels of communication. The Home Form Teacher is always the first port of call (unless the enquiry is a subject specific one and in this case the question would be directed to the particular class teacher). Only if the Home Form teacher cannot help is the situation referred to the Year Coordinator or Subject Coordinator, then on to the DP Academic Studies for curriculum matters and to Mrs Butt our APRE for all things relating to Pastoral Care and Catholic Identity, and of course after that the matter is referred to the Principal. If in doubt email the office or me, the Principal, and the message will be sent to the appropriate person to follow up. At MacKillop we are keen to speak with parents while at the same time keeping all who need to know in the loop.

Retreats and Camps are an integral part of our curriculum as a Catholic College. The goals of our retreats and camps are as follows:

- To learn to know yourself and enjoy yourself.
- To build better relationships between members of our community.
- To build a stronger community spirit.
- To strengthen your relationship with God.

Camps are compulsory – medical certificate required for all absentees.

Homework is very much part of College life at MacKillop. Please check your son or daughter's diary on a regular occasion for details of homework and assignment work set by teachers. If in doubt please contact your child's class teachers.

Last week we enjoyed a very successful College Board AGM. I sincerely thank the outgoing Board Executive Chairperson Gez Mulvahil and Board Member Mek Venes and look forward to working with the newly appointed executive and new members of our College Board throughout 2014. We congratulate and welcome our newly elected executive and general members of MacKillop College Board.

**Ex-officio Members:** President – Fr Tom; Executive Officer – Lauretta Graham

**Elected Members:** Chair Person – Neil Forsyth; Deputy Chair – Ange Bull; Secretary – Bronwen McLaughlin **General Members:** Gez Mulvahil; Sheree Russell; Alexia Hohopa-Wilson; Peter Donegan (Co-opted Member)

**Nominated Members:** P&F Representative – Peter Wallis; Deputy Principal – Chris Trevillion; Staff Representative – Trisha Dowling

The College Board undertakes a stewardship role. They perform an important advisory role, working to support the principal in the school improvement planning process. Planning and policy directions set down are in accord with Diocesan Policies and Guidelines.  
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**Laurretta Graham,  
Principal**

## From the Principal's Desk

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Thank you to everyone for the tremendous effort displayed at our recent working bees. Over the next few months our working bees will turn to the library for book covering and gardening around the College. Please note if parents attend one working bee during the year the working bee levy is credited back to parents on the next fee invoice. This same credit is available to parents who generously give of their time in other areas of the school, for example: tuck shop, uniform shop or Library. We look forward to the continued effort and the fantastic work that continues to be achieved by all.

Busy as it has been throughout this term, the thing that has struck me most is the generosity and support of parents and families. As we draw close to the end of another term I send sincere thanks for your support and kindness. I hope that we can all continue to experience many successes throughout the remainder of this year and I pray that Mary MacKillop, saint and teacher, continues to help us to live each day out as though it were a gift.

**Laurretta Graham  
Principal**



**Chris Trevillion,  
Deputy Principal  
Academic Studies**

## Deputy Principal, Academic Studies

Who can believe it is week 9 already! As the term has progressed students have been working hard on their assessments and showing enthusiasm towards their studies. It has been great to see students attending the homework centre and being proactive in completing quality work on time. The homework centre is a great initiative and affords students the opportunity to be helped with homework, assignments or studying for exams. The homework centre is open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, Violet does an amazing job tutoring the students as do our staff that assist her. For more information on the homework centre please don't hesitate to get in touch with the College.

Over the last week some of our Year 10 students have engaged in a two week block of a construction course through Charles Darwin University. Our alternate pathways department is going from strength to strength and our students are reaping the rewards with these career opening opportunities. Recently two students have been signed up as school based apprentices allowing them to pursue their career goals and continue with their academic aspirations.

There are some quality assessments at the moment for our students, our Footy Focus class are refereeing a Junior Rugby League Carnival, the Year 10 Religion class is writing their own Easter liturgy, the Year 10 SOSE class attended Colourfest Short Film Festival at CMax Cinema in Palmerston to assist the upcoming Australian Migrant Experience unit, our year 7 students went to the Darwin Museum to explore and gather evidence required for their persuasive speech: Should history be preserved? They have been developing 'detective' skills required to be an historian. In PE all 7 – 9 students have been assessed on Basketball and Netball while Year 10 are completing their Rock Climbing unit. Our Year 11 Chemistry students are forging ahead and using their study lines constructively and collaboratively to achieve their best.

Parent / Teacher / Student conferences are on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of April and it would be great to see as many parents / guardians as possible.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in contact with the College.





Marie Butt,  
Assistant Principal,  
Religious Education



## From the Religious Education Department

### Easter Mass Times for Our Lady Help of Christians Parish

#### Palm Sunday 13th April:

8.00am and 6.00pm (Youth Mass)

#### Holy Thursday 17th April:

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Good Friday 18th April:

9.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Lord's Passion

#### Holy Saturday 20th April:

7.00pm Easter Vigil

#### Easter Sunday:

8.30am and 6.00pm

## Good Friday Walk 2014

### Palmerston to Darwin Cathedral 18th April 2014

We are so privileged to take this walk and to feel an inch of the pain Jesus paid for each one of us.

We the people from all over Darwin would like to continue this Good Friday walk and support each one of you in making this tiniest penance possible.

*Below is the picture taken for the walk at St Mary's Cathedral in the city and on the way in 2013.*

*All our kids from Sacred Heart, Mackillop, St John's, O'Loughlin College and adults have great stories and experiences to share when you come along on the walk.*



*Don't miss out on this great event and experience, you need to endure it to feel the overwhelming Joy and Peace of Christ.*

Starting from here **OLHC Palmerston Parish front Gate** on 18-4-2014

**Time: 3 am and hope to reach Darwin Cathedral at 8:30 am.**

Please arrange transport for you to get picked up from Darwin.

If anyone would like to volunteer in bringing back the walkers it would be appreciated as an option if needed.

**For any information please contact: Harold: 0405217307; John: 0427027134**

Or email: [disciplesofjesusdarwin@gmail.com](mailto:disciplesofjesusdarwin@gmail.com)



**Pauline Watson**  
Head of Humanities

## Humanities Department

### UPCOMING SOSE EVENTS:

#### Anzac Day Museum Display Piece Competition:

Students create a display for the mini museum set up to commemorate the experiences of men and women who served in any of Australia's wars and peacekeeping missions.

**Entries Close Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014 Week 1 Term 2**

Certificates and Prizes will be awarded to each year level.

**The items will be placed on display during our Anzac day Commemoration.**



**Brodie McCutcheon**  
Sports Coordinator

## Sports Department

### ***PARCS Netball/AFL***

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March our students competed in the PARCS AFL and Netball School Sport Cluster days. As always our teams proved themselves to be the best both in their skill level and sportsmanship with their team mates and other schools. The MacKillop netball teams took out the overall championships for both the Under 15 and Under 13's teams playing against Rosebury Middle, Palmerston Christian College, Taminmin and Kormilda. We have some very talented netball players at our College which was demonstrated on the day.

The AFL team also had success placing 4<sup>th</sup> for the competition winning majority of their games. The boys looked very smart in their MacKillop jumpers.

Best players for the day are listed below. Well done on your achievements it was a fun day had by all.

Thank you to Miss Kate Brady and Mr Dominic Farrell for helping out with the day.

#### **Under 15 A Best Players**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Alysha Healy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Johanna Thomas and Brooke Steele
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sophie Port

#### **Under 15 B Best Players**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tenesha Johnson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Forsyth
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tasha Lorenz

#### **Under 13 Best Players**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Holly Kutija
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Haven Hohipa-Wilson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jerzeeh Robinson

#### **AFL Best Players**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shane Venes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Adrian Lawrence
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cooper Tankey

#### **Coaches Award**

Josh Walkington and Jack Deane for being great helpers

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## *Duke of Edinburgh*

Congratulations to all the Duke of Ed students who completed their First Aid Course and giving up their weekend to do so.

Well done:

**Olivia Harding**  
**Alysha Pope**  
**Kayla Mullins**  
**Liam Mulvahil**  
**Jet Lorenz**  
**Zoe Carrier**  
**Teegan Wattam**  
**Nicolas Harding**  
**Sarah Grant**  
**Dale White**  
**Joel Robinson**

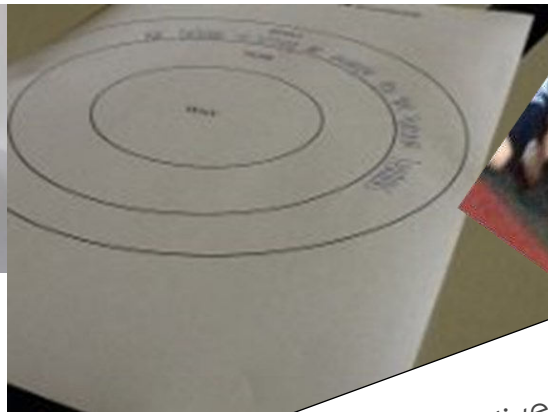
We will be holding another course in term three so please contact Brodie McCutcheon if you would like more information. [Brodie.mccutcheon@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Brodie.mccutcheon@nt.catholic.edu.au)



## Student Representative Council News



**Daniel Yore**  
SRC Teacher Coordi-

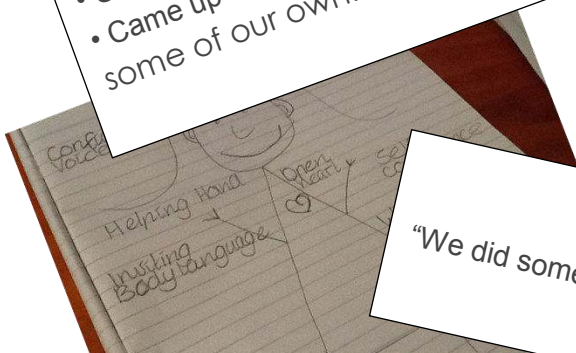


### SRC Training Day

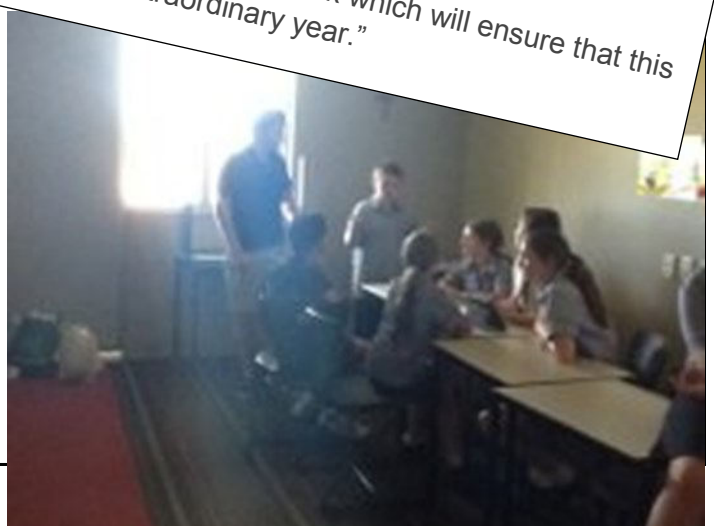
By Jordana Jack, Year 8, Year Level SRC Representative

**What did we do at the training day?**  
We did many things at our training day:

- We looked at the features of a good leader
- Explored Simon Sinek's 'Golden Circle of Leadership'
- Came up with The Why, How, What for our own golden circle
- Came up with so many different ideas for projects from the students, as well as some of our own.



"We did some amazing and productive work which will ensure that this an extraordinary year."



## Around the Campus

### College Calendar of Coming Events

Tuesday 1st April	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday 4th April	End of Term Liturgy: 12.10pm All Welcome
Friday 4th April MONDAY 14TH April	LAST DAY OF TERM 1 FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

### Tuckshop Tales

Commencing **Day 1 Term 2** there will be online ordering available for the Tuckshop! go online to register and look at the menu!



Get your Hot Cross Bun orders in!  
Leanne Pope,  
Tuckshop  
Coordinator

### Mackillop Catholic College

### Follow up Photo Day!

Monday 14th April 2014  
1st Day of Term 2

Catch up photos of students who were away last time; siblings; staff;

Please ensure students are in their formal uniform for this day.



### Lost

An **iphone** from the Year 8 Breakout Area .  
Please bring it to the front office if found.



### To the Plummer Family

On the birth of their lovely daughter Serena on Monday!

### Community Notices

#### Darwin Athletics Club

Have started their season and are looking for volunteers to help run their Friday Night Events. Lots of opportunities to help out, from setting up for competitions; assisting with the BBQ, measuring or raking pits; and of course, pack up! Contact Kevin Mulvahil on 0448644564 for further information.

