

Newsletter - Term 2, Week 2 April 2014

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

Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Community,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone has had a restful and peaceful Easter break. We have a lot to look forward to this Term. Once again, the calendar is certainly packed.



Our New Year resolutions might be something in our dim past; however, it is important at the beginning of each term to remind ourselves of what we committed to at the beginning of the year. In my opinion, it is fortunate that schools have these four new beginnings; these new starts give us time to reflect and revisit those goals made earlier; to ensure that our resolutions are sustained. I am pleased to say that for a number of our students Tuesday was one of those times. Three students on three different occasions came to me to say that they had decided to make this the very best term ever...One student went on to say that there were aspects of Term1 that needed improvement and that he was determined to make a change. Towards the end of the first week it was absolutely delightful to hear a number of positive teacher comments commending him for his behaviour and performance. This is the culture we are proud of MacKillop where we continually work towards being our best selves.

Building on the MacKillop College culture where students and teachers continuously engage in the positive interactions necessary for learning, I particularly ask that this term we all concentrate on making each minute in each classroom count and that all students arrive on time, dressed correctly, with the right equipment ready for work. As the college has waiting lists on some classes, we want to ensure that those sitting in our classrooms are positively contributing to the learning atmosphere and not just denying others on waiting lists the opportunity to be an active and contributing part of our community.

As Easter people, we believe in new beginnings, giving us opportunities to improve and perform better in all aspects of our lives. We pray that with the joys of the resurrection in our lives we can improve holistically as people, and rise to the challenges of this new Term.

An Easter Blessing

May the love of the risen Lord draw you to himself
May the power of the risen Lord strengthen you in God's service.

May the joy of the risen Lord fill your spirit
May the life of the risen Lord raise you to new life this day.



...High Mountains, Deep Valleys,

Edited by Rowland Croucher and Grace Thomlinson

**Lauretta Graham
Principal**

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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**

From the Principal's Desk

I urge all parents to ensure that their children's College uniform is checked over the next week, consequently sending students to school dressed in correct shoes, socks and uniform for Term 2. Please note in particular the days when sports uniform is to be worn. I have instructed all staff to accept nothing but the highest of standard in dress and presentation from our students. Further to this, looking around the College it is very obvious that a number of students need a few new items to smarten up their appearance. We ask that you please attend to this over the next few weeks.

Whatever we do at MacKillop should enhance learning. When teachers are constantly spending energy on chasing students regards their wearing of correct uniforms, energy is lost from the learning process. Our College works best as a learning organisation and not as a place where staff are spending all their time chasing students to comply with what was accepted standard requirements for dress, at the time of enrolment.

Our lost property box in the student reception is always overflowing. It is a shame to see so many items unmarked. We also see the some items appear over and over. Although staff do their best to return items it would be much better if students took more responsibility for their belongings. Please spend some time reminding your children that carefully placing their belongings with their school bags only takes a few seconds and reduces the chances of things being misplaced.

**Laretta Graham
Principal**

Deputy Principal, Academic Studies

With technology having a greater presence in our lives each day, it is important that parents and teachers are awake to the potential problems that interface with the excitement and convenience of social media.

Cyber bullying is a term that didn't exist not too long ago, now it is one of the biggest safety issues facing young people. Social media can be used for extremely positive effect. For example, our College has a Facebook page for the Rugby League team to provide information on current events, and encourages constructive contribution and comments from followers. However if students have not been equipped in advance with the correct tools for joining and participating in social media then chances are they are not ready to handle the responsibility.

Cyber bullying can range from texts, memes, emails, embarrassing pictures, videos, websites, or fake profiles on Instagram or Facebook.

It is important that Teachers and Parents educate themselves and each other on how to help our children make informed decisions and encourage positive practice of social media.

I invite you to look at <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/> for further information and discuss this issue and raise awareness with your child.

The College has a Police liaison that regularly connects with the students and is available to give any advice. We have also worked closely with the National Rugby League and have had previous players and coaches come and speak to the students. Cyber bullying is an issue that is tackled in Pastoral Care lessons and we are committed to providing the best education and support possible.



**Chris Trevillion,
Deputy Principal
Academic Studies**



Marie Butt,
Assistant Principal,
Religious Education

From the Religious Education Department

We congratulate Ike O'Brien, Jake Baptista and Thomas Nalder on their Confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass last Saturday



Laura McCosh
Inclusion Support
Coordinator

Inclusion Support Team

The Inclusion Support Team at MacKillop are currently busy writing Education Adjustment Plan's for students on an adjusted program. A note was sent home with our students in week 1 inviting parents/guardians to a meeting to discuss these plans. We would like to extend those meeting times to **week 3 and 4 at the same times of 8am-8:15 and 3:10pm-4pm.** Please don't hesitate to call our Inclusion Support Coordinator Laura McCosh on 89305740 or email laura.mccosh@nt.catholic.edu.au for further information regarding this.

Calendar of Events

9th May	Mothers Day Stall/P & F Association Fundraiser
13th-15th May	NAPLAN Testing
16th-18th May 18th May	Duke Edinburgh Camp College Working Bee
22nd-23rd May	Katherine Rugby League Trip
6th June 16th-20th June 20th June	Athletics Carnival Year 11 Camp End of Term 2

ANZAC Day in Photos





Game Day Report

TUESDAY 25th MARCH 2014

MACKILLOP RUGBY LEAGUE VS ROSEBERY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Game Report:

On Tuesday the 25th of March our boys took the field against a solid Rosebery outfit. Missing some of our key players, our boys dug deep and put in a solid effort to grind out a hard fought draw.

The game played out fairly evenly and was a big forwards battle for much of the pivotal parts of the match. Our big men: Joel, Russell, Shane, Justice, Tommy and Oscar stepped up today and kept the pack secure in defence.

Whilst we were down in the first half our men put on the afterburners in the 2nd half and showed a much more structured attacking display.

FINAL SCORE:

MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE 6

ROSEBERY MIDDLE SCHOOL 6



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A big congratulations to both U13 and U15 MacKillop Catholic College Rugby League teams.

U13 Team are the Rugby League 9s PARCS Champions

U15 Team came runners up in a close grandfinal that went to extra time.

Well done boys!

On Friday 28th of March MacKillop Sharks U14s spearheaded our **NTRL** expansion with their season kick off at Goodline Park. The U14s won their first match against a strong Palmerston Raiders outfit. This kicked off a great weekend of football where **MACKILLOP SHARKS** made strong outings in U10s, U12s, and both A and B grade senior teams. Congratulations to any Mackillop Catholic College students who played on the weekend.

Final Score 22 – 24.

We are currently looking for new junior players in all grades!

U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, and U16.

If you are interested email mackillopsharks@live.com



Daniel Yore
SRC Teacher Coordinator

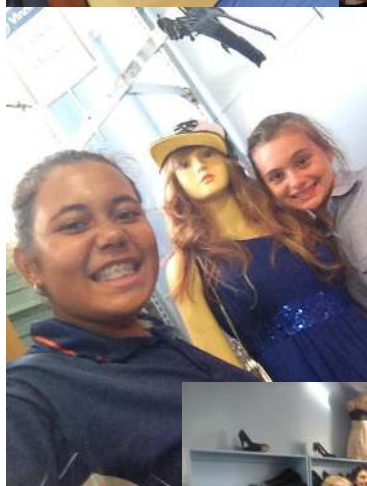
Student Representative Council News

This week the members of the SRC have been split into small groups and have started to work on particular projects.

There are many different groups working on different projects. The Social Events group is working on getting you a school disco. The Lunch Time Activities group is working on making lunch times more interesting. The Communication group is working on making sure you are heard and the Breakfast Club group is working on getting a breakfast club up and running.

Please support the SRC as they host fundraiser and surveys. If you have an idea or just want a friendly person to talk to, you see a member of the SRC.

Mack Night Capers!



An Article by an unknown Author

Dear Parents,

During his presidency, Bill Clinton once remarked that running a country was a lot like running a cemetery: you have a lot of people under you and nobody is listening. His remark seems to suggest that being a leader is a little more difficult than it might appear to be. The leadership role of parents in their family situation is likewise more difficult than it appears to be. The degree of difficulty depends somewhat on the style of leadership we choose to use and our reason for choosing that particular style.

If we choose to use an autocratic style, where we totally dominate and use the benefit of our adulthood to impose our will on our children, then, we will be in for a power struggle and will have to use threats, fear and punishment to achieve what we want. Unfortunately, our children will probably feel unsafe, unloved and untrusting of us. Our very strict rules and suffocating structures will cause our children to yearn for freedom, to be rid of us and our heavy-handed style of parenting.

If we choose the opposite extreme and choose to use a permissive style and choose to be physically or emotionally absent, don't set limits, be afraid to say "no" and never hold our children accountable, then, we will reign over chaos. Our children will think they have the right to do anything they like and, because they don't respect us, they won't respect other forms of authority. Unfortunately, our children will probably be perplexed by life, lack motivation to achieve because they have never known structure in their lives, and will find themselves easy prey for people who do not have their best interests at heart; they too, will live in fear and feel unloved.

If we choose to be in the middle of these two styles, we will be choosing an authoritative-democratic style. This style is based on respect, love and trust, where positive communication and cooperation are enjoyed on a daily basis. Our children will probably feel safe, loved and accepted yet free to be who they are. If we are pro-active and foresee problems before they can fully emerge, if we can welcome opinions and offer choices while not guaranteeing that our children will always get what they want, then, our children will be confident, able to think for themselves and able to make decisions that have a positive outcome. If our leadership has a confidence about it, it will inspire our children to take up the leadership role in their own lives.

Our leadership style is of vital importance to our children because, for better or worse, parenting styles tend to repeat from one generation to the next. The good news is that everyone has the capacity to develop good parenting skills and to be aware not to repeat patterns that expose children to negative and destructive experiences. Our children will feel loved and secure, if the way we go about living our lives and engaging with our children is in a positive, friendly yet firm manner.

Our children will sense a comfortable and uplifting atmosphere and environment that allows them to be relaxed and optimistic about life. Our children might even agree with the comment, "Your actions speak so loudly, I can't even hear what you are saying." *Author unknown*

"Jesus, our leader, with the guidance of the Spirit within us, may we bring a spirit of joy, generosity and enthusiasm to the leadership role we have as parents. May our children learn about you by the way we lead our lives. Amen."

Peace and Best Wishes.

Around the Campus

At Last - MacKillop Catholic College can be found!

Thank you to Mrs Michelle Chambers, our Business Manager for her persistence and Lia Finocchiaro MLA, the Member for Drysdale for making it happen for us!



Easter Raffle Winners!

The winners of the Year 7.1 Easter Raffle with all the yummy chocolate Easter eggs are:

- 1st Beverly Alcidi (Dominic Alcidi Year 7)
- 2nd Courtney Austerberry Year 8
- 3rd Sarah Grant Year 9

Thank you to everyone for your support!



CatholicCare

Some of the students that come to see me have expressed an interest in the Defence Forces. The Defence Forces offer quite a lot of skills to young people that many could find useful if applied to their daily lives. I have therefore, obtained some application forms and placed them in the front office in case anyone is interested in pursuing their interest further.

Sonya Stafford
Counsellor MacKillop Catholic College

ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Helping Kids and Communities get active

Become a Community Coach!

Community Coach Training Program

Monday 30th April & Tuesday 1st May 2014

Start time: 5.15pm in the Athletics NT Conference Room, Arafura Stadium

It's free!

Parents & Friends



2014 - V8 Supercars

Sunday 22nd June 2014

This is a Great
Fundraising
Opportunity for
the College!
Please assist if
you can!

GET ALL REVVED UP!!

SUPERCARS CLEANUP 2014

MUST BE 14Yrs AND OLDER

PLEASE CONTACT:

Trudy.perry@norblast.com.au

Rubbish	#People	Hours
Sunday 22nd June	25	9am-6pm (9 hours)
	10	6pm-9.30pm (3.5 hours)