

Newsletter - Term 1, Week 6 March 2014

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



Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Community,

Lent began this Wednesday. Congratulations to our Year 9 Students who wrote and ran the liturgies for the whole college community, and they did an exceptional job. I congratulate them all on their organisation, attention to detail, prayerfulness, and sincere respect for what they were asked to do. Well done Year Nine.

The Season of Lent is a very special time in the Church's year. There are a number of things I ask you to pray for over the period of Lent:

- Peace and unity for the families in our College;
- Unity as a community as we go through rapid change and growth; and
- A renewed understanding of our vision and mission as a Catholic school.

I hope that during this Lent we can concentrate on building relationships that are central to our lives. Almost out of habit we think of Lent as a time to "give up something," to do "some penance" and of course self-denial is undoubtedly good for both body and soul. However, Lent can well be a time for very positive action and self-denial can be achieved by the way we express ourselves to other people, and the attention we give to our own self development.

When St Paul was writing to the early Church he encouraged the First Christians to act positively: "...those who give lovingly and freely of themselves and their gifts to others, will discover that there is no end to God's riches. There will be empty spaces now and then when it appears that the springs have dried up. God's grace, however, is eternally sufficient, and He will fill up those places in our lives that were drained dry by our giving to others. And to our surprise we will discover that what we receive from God in response to our giving and sharing with our fellow persons, is far greater than that which we gave away."



Mother Theresa of Calcutta wrote: "Thoughtfulness is the beginning of great sanctity. If you learn this art of being thoughtful, you will become more and more Christ-like, for his heart was meek and he always thought of others. Our life, to be beautiful, must be full of thoughts for others. Jesus went about doing good. Our Lady did nothing else in Cana but thought of the needs of others and made their needs known to Jesus" ... Mother Theresa of Calcutta

For the next six weeks, the Church invites us to reconsider our life. We can stop the insanity of doing the same things over and over again, expecting different results. A traditional way of celebrating Lent is to deny ourselves and give to the poor what we save. But there is more. This website (<http://rachelheldevans.com/blog/40-ideas-lent-2013>) gives some great, and quirky, ideas. One I'm taking up is to write 40 Love Letters to people who have had a big impact on my life, one each day, through this Lent. These can be to anyone. Whatever we choose to do, it should have this aim: to help us enter into the full, rich life that Jesus wishes to give us.

During Lent, Project Compassion is another way of reaching out to many people who have as their daily realities: distress; hardship; persecution; famine and violence. Through our contribution to Project Compassion we can bring dignity and hope to those who are suffering in our world. Project Compassion gives us the opportunity to bring new life to all those who suffer and struggle.

May the peace of Christ be with your families.

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"



**Lauretta Graham,
Principal**

From the Principal's Desk

Lent = Less Eats No Treats, or does it?

One who was brought up in a traditional Catholic family could understand the above as a pretty good, quirky way of explaining what we did in Lent. Lent was a time for 'giving up', but the question could, should and probably would have been raised, to what point? The true meaning of the word 'Lent' points us in the right direction. In Old English, it means 'Spring'. Yes, in the Northern Hemisphere Lent happens in Spring and in a place like Merry Old England where life could be tough, the coming of Spring meant many good things: new fresh life, growing light and warmth and, very importantly, the promise of food after the long winter.

We all desire new life, especially when we look in our mirrors and think 'same old, same old'. For the next six weeks, the Church invites you to reconsider your life. We can stop the insanity of doing the same things over and over again, expecting different results. Yes, we can. A traditional way of celebrating Lent is to deny ourselves and give to the poor what we save. But there is more. This website (<http://rachelheldevans.com/blog/40-ideas-lent-2013>) gives some great, and quirky, ideas. One I'm taking up is to write 40 Love Letters to people who have had a big impact on my life, one each day, through this Lent. These can be to anyone: people who have died, who have hurt me, who have helped me, even God. I'm thinking of writing a couple to myself as a younger age. (Stop being so hard on yourself...will I yet listen?) Whatever we choose to do, it should have this aim: to help us enter into the full, rich life that Jesus wishes to give us.

Loving God, in this season of Lent, set me free. Set me free from all that stifles life, that stops me loving, that keeps me depressed, angry bitter. Give me the honesty and courage to allow Jesus to enter my life with the fullness of life. I ask this in his name, confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb

It has come to my attention that not all drivers are taking the necessary care and disregarding basic road rules when dropping off and collecting children.

Please obey the following road rules:

- Drive at or below the displayed speed limits;
- Do not encourage children to run across MacKillop Court to be picked up;
- Do not block other drivers access to the car park;
- U-turns are not permitted across double lines;
- The pick-up and drop-off zone is a 2 minute zone not a parking area; and,
- If your child is late do a loop down MacKillop Court and to the right around the roundabout and re-enter the car park for another 2min time slot.

Please do not endanger the lives of yours or other parents' children.

All members of the school and general community need to share the responsibility for the safety of children when they are travelling. Please be positive role models and act safely when using the roads. Keep up to date with issues around traffic safety so they can continuously be good role models. Be aware of their children's limitations in traffic situations.

Thank you Lauretta Graham



From the Religious Education Department



Marie Butt,
Assistant Principal,
Religious Education

LENT and PROJECT COMPASSION

MacKillop Catholic College students will be conducting fundraising activities throughout the six weeks of Lent to raise money for Project Compassion. The valuable work of Caritas Australia assists communities throughout the world. This is a time for all of us to reflect on the gifts we have and to find ways to share our abundance with those in need. We would ask that you support the activities organised by Homeforms.

FREE DRESS DAY

There will be a Free Dress Day on Friday 14th March. Students are asked to give a **GOLD COIN DONATION** to wear free dress.

The usual expectations apply: No singlet tops, No very short shorts or skirts, No offensive or inappropriate logos, and No thongs.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Australia's annual fundraising and awareness raising appeal, bringing thousands of Australians in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.



Running through the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of caring supporters, all in the name of justice and peace.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the season of LENT. This year our Year 9 Religious Education classes prepared and presented the Ash Wednesday Liturgies for the remainder of the school. The liturgies focused on this being a time for reflection and repentance, a time to set right the wrongs of the past. Thank you to the Year 9's for all of their hard work in preparing these liturgies.





Pauline Watson
Head of Humanities

**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 17th April
2014 Week 1 Term 2
Certificates and Prizes will be awarded to each year level.

Humanities Department

BOMBING OF DARWIN EXCURSION

Year 10 History students attended the commemoration for the Bombing of Darwin at the Cenotaph on the 19th of February 2014. The year 10's heard of the heroic acts of the soldiers and civilians who were present on this historic day and watched the reenactment of the Bombing of Darwin which started with the air raid sirens at 9.58am. This indicated the time of the start of the air attacks on Darwin and was followed by the firing of seven rounds by M2A2 Howitzer Guns which signified the Darwin military response.



The year 10's then visited the Darwin Military Museum where they saw first-hand the commemorative wall, the gun placements and military equipment used during World War II, along with the Japanese equipment left behind after the attacks on the Pacific Region. Students commented that one of their favourite museum pieces was the Bombing of Darwin sensory room which featured a cinematic presentation based on one of the attacks on Darwin complete with surround style flashing lights and explosive sounds effects. The year 10 students enjoyed their day and came back to the College with a deep respect not only for the men and women who served during World War II but also for the civilians who found themselves thrust into a terrible war which carried with it a heavy cost in both property and lives.

Year 7 students enjoyed a great day at the Darwin Museum and Art Gallery. Students explored a range of history from ancient to modern. Students explored the Indigenous and Asia-Pacific Region, along with local history such as Cyclone Tracy. The students had a wonderful day exploring artwork, enjoying tactile experiences with millions of years old bones and examining the wonderful and terrifying local history with Cyclone Tracy. A wonderful day was had by all and the students gained a lot of knowledge on the importance of preserving our history.





David Graham, Rugby League MCC



Chris Trevillion, Rugby League MCC

MacKillop Rugby League News

2014 Term 1 Rugby League Calendar

GAME DAY:

MACKILLOP VS ST JOHNS (U13 & U15 GAMES)

Wednesday 12th March - bus departs MacKillop @ 11.15am

U13s kickoff: 12.00pm; U15s kickoff 1.00pm

Venue: Harvey Norman Stadium, Ludmilla

GAME DAY:

PARCS TOURNAMENTS (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Thursday 20th March all day - Venue: tba

GAME DAY

MACKILLOP VS ROSEBERY (U15 GAMES)

Wednesday 25th March - Venue: Rosebery Middle School (trys only, no conversions)



MacKillop Catholic College Board **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Monday 17th March 2014
7.00pm in the College Boardroom
ALL WELCOME!



Vanaja Arakkal,
ICT Manager

The ICT Department

**Proudly Announcing
MacKillop Catholic College is an accredited Academy
for
CISCO and Microsoft Certificates.**

MacKillop Catholic College CISCO IT Academy provides 10 and 20 week courses for students.

MacKillop Catholic College Microsoft IT Academy provides 10 and 20 week courses for students.

For more information please contact:

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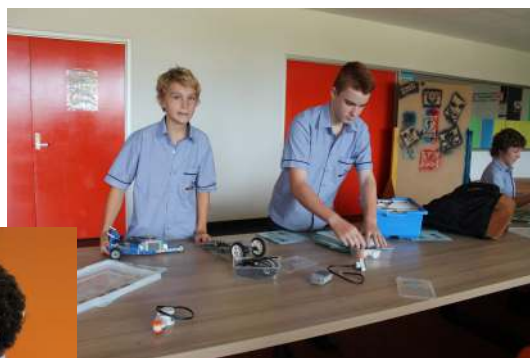
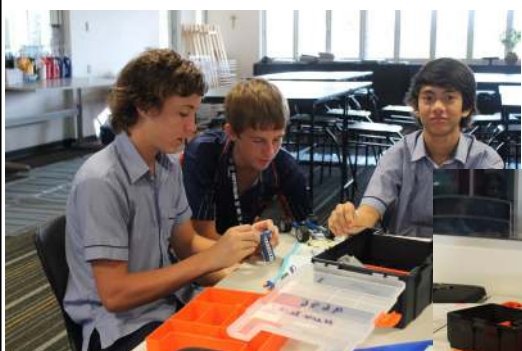
MacKillop Catholic College will run classes on Saturday at 10am for all interested people in the following courses:

- **Introductory Courses in Computing** (customised for individual needs)
- **CISCO Certificates**
- **Microsoft Certificates**

For more information please contact:

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ICT Manager, MacKillop Catholic College
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Robotics Classes have started!



Around the Campus



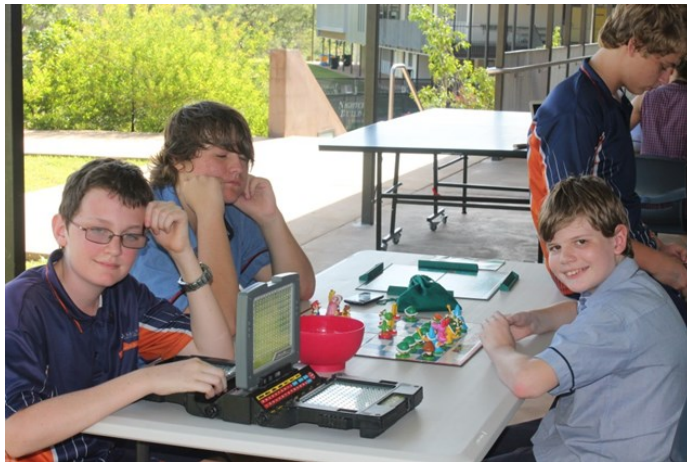
Lauren Hill
College Chaplin

MACK NIGHT KICKS OFF!

On Friday 28th February, we held our first Mack Night gathering after school. This was the first of our monthly Mack Night evenings, when we will offer students different experiences to socialise, volunteer and get involved in their school, parish and local community.

Our first night offered a social, chill-out space in the upstairs area for students to hang out, share their talents (learning guitar, playing table-tennis, magical card tricks, DJ'ing and board games) and get to know other students and staff out of the classroom. It was great to see a mixture of year levels attending, from year 7 to 11, to mingle, share a laugh and enjoy some pizza together.

Thanks so much to those staff, students and families who assisted with setting up and packing up for the night. You are wonderful!



COMING UP

Our next Mack Night will be on **Friday March 21st**, when Miss Lauren and a small group of students will volunteer at our local Vinnies Op Shop in Palmerston. Those students who would like to (or if you know of a student who might like to) join us on the night, please contact Miss Lauren soon for a sign-up permission form. Just email: lauren.hill@nt.catholic.edu.au, or see her when she is at MacKillop on Fridays.



**Daniel Yore,
Student Leadership**

2014 Student Leaders Elected

The MacKillop Catholic College Student Leadership team for 2014 has been confirmed with a wonderful commissioning celebration at the College last Monday. The commission was led by Fr. Tom and Fr. Milton and

attended by a number of dignitaries including College Constable Tannith Blair and a large number of parents.

The 25-student strong Student Leadership Team was elected from a record number of nominations during the first three weeks of term. A written application process was followed by speeches to peer groups and finally a vote for the positions of College Captain, House Leaders and Student Representative Council (SRC) year level representatives.

The Student Leadership team already has a number of significant projects planned for the year ahead. Huge congratulations to all those students who were elected and the many who put their hand up for a position but were unsuccessful. Big thanks also to all those teachers that assisted so generously in the nomination, election and commissioning processes.

A full list of elected representatives is below:

SENIOR YEARS CAPTAINS

Shane Butfield

Tahlia Rogers

Matthew Murphy

MIDDLE YEARS CAPTAINS

Brendon Campbell

Liam Mulvahil

Alysha Pope

Prefect

Kayla Mullins

House Leaders

Gold: Khayne Townsend & Teegan Wattam

Blue: Jet Lorenz & Kaelah White

Red: Dale White & Bryanna Crawley

Green: Julyan Mohan & La-Toniya Norris

SRC Year Level Representatives

Year 7: Louise Jones & Shea Rafferty

Year 8: Thomas Habets & Jordana Jack

Year 9: Zachary Russ & Patrick Rose

Year 10: Dustin Carter & Tamarah Hayward

Year 11: Joel Sobieralski & Jessica Hanson



Congratulations!



Around the Campus

College Calendar of Coming Events

Monday 10th March	Parents and Friends AGM
Monday 17th March	College Board AGM
Friday 4th April MONDAY 14TH April	LAST DAY OF TERM 1 FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

Student Immunisations

School nurses will be here on
Friday 14th March 2014

Letters from the Department of Health have gone out to students for parents to fill out, sign and return to the
FRONT OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE



Mackillop Catholic College Photo Day!

Tuesday 11th March 2014
Please get your order envelopes in to the front office!

MacKillop Catholic College Parents & Friends Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 10th March 2014
7pm in the Boardroom

Everyone Welcome!



Free Haircuts

One of our senior students

Hannah Llewellyn

Is offering free haircuts to everyone – from children to Nanas and Grandpas! Colours can also be done at cost of the product only!

Contact her at the Salon

89312996 (Thursdays only)

Or come & see her at
Mackillop!