

Newsletter - Term 2, Week 6 May 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,

Thank you to everyone for the tremendous effort displayed at our recent working bees. The School is looking great and the grounds are slowing getting under control after the wet season. Parents working in this area have been outstanding. We normally have one working bee per term and everyone is welcome. Your attendance attracts a credit of the working bee levy on fees.

Presently, with so many buildings under construction there are many demands on the College budget and your help with grounds, gardens and cleaning is very much appreciated. Stage 2A (what you see presently underway) is due to be completed in July. Stage 2B will start immediately and is planned to be completed by January 2015.

Thank you to everyone involved with the Mother's day Stall and the Camping and Trailer Expo stall. Thank you to the Mums who gave up their time wrapping all the presents for the Mother's Day stall; they looked so wonderful and our customers were so please with all the goodies to choose from. Thank you to the parents who helped run the Mother's Day stall last Friday. Your kindness has made a lot of children and Mums very, very happy. Thank you to every parent who sends their children to school looking so smart and splendid every day, ready for work. We notice and our job as staff is made much easier.

Our next big event is the V8 Super Cars Clean up to be held on Saturday 22nd June from 9am to 6pm. Come along and enjoy the good company and make some excellent money for the school. Busy as it has been the thing that has struck me most is the generosity and support of parents and families. Please contact me at the College if you can help we need 35 people.

Congratulations to all students in Year 7 and 9 on their fabulous effort during NAPLAN. All students worked well and were committed to doing their very best. This is all that we can ask of anyone. Students were still smiling on Friday – well done.

I hope that we can all continue to experience many successes throughout the remainder of this semester and I pray that Saint Mary MacKillop continues to help us to live each day out as though it were a gift.

**Lauretta Graham
Principal**



**Chris Trevillion,
Deputy Principal,
Academic Studies**

Deputy Principal, Academic Studies

It has been a busy week at MacKillop, Year 7 and 9 completed NAPLAN testing and their attitude was nothing less than exemplary. I am sure all students completed the tests to the best of their ability which is all anyone can ask.

On Wednesday the College conducted our annual 'College Tour' which was a great success. Being able to show off our wonderful College to the Palmerston community is something that we can be truly proud of. It is great to be able to open up a classroom door and have students work on display and to have our College video playing and captivating our visitors. We had a great turn out and our devoted staff were on hand, as always, to help out.

Reports are not too far away so I encourage families to remind students about assignments and exams – all assessments can be found on the College website under curriculum – assessment planners.



**Michelle Chambers,
Business Manager**

Finance Department

Overdue School Fees

First of all I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families who make the payment of school fees a priority within their family budget.

All families are urged to bring their accounts up to date by the end of this term. If there is a valid reason for non-payment of fees, you are requested to contact the front office on 89305713 to make an appointment to discuss your situation with the Principal. However if school fees have not been paid nor payment arrangements made or maintained, student reports will be withheld until such time that there is communication with the College.

Of course we would prefer to avoid this action but it is the fee policy of the College.

The following options for payment of fees are available:

Cash
Cheque
Centrelink – the College's CRN is 555 089 520X
BPAY
Eftpos
Credit Card (Payment can made over the phone)
Direct Debit – the College's bank details are as follows:
Commonwealth Bank Australia
BSB: 065 901
Account Number: 10875927
Account Name: MacKillop Catholic College
Reference: Fees & name of student

Should you wish to discuss the above further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 08 89305705 or email me on michelle.chambers@nt.catholic.edu.au.



Religious Education Department

Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day Celebrations

Date: Saturday 24th May, 2014



Time: 6pm Mass and Dinner

Please bring a plate to share

Emery Ave Woodroffe – Parish Church

All Welcome

Fr Rob Galea Concert

Friday 23rd May at

St Mary's Catholic
Primary School

Enter via Lindsay St

STARTS 6.30PM

All welcome!

Year 7 Retreat to Dundee Beach in pictures:



From 28th April -
2nd April 2014
Year 7 had their
Retreat. Lots of
activities and fun
was had by all.
Some helpful
Year 9's went
along too to help!



Calendar of Events

13th-15th May	NAPLAN Testing
16th-18th May 18th May	Duke of Edinburgh Camp College Working Bee Sunday 8am-10am
21st May	College Tour - 5pm
22nd-23rd May	Katherine Rugby League Trip
26th May	National Sorry Day & National Reconciliation Week
29th May	Student Immunizations
5th June	End of Semester 1 2014 Concert (all bands, ensembles & Choirs)
6th June 16th-20th June 20th June	Athletics Carnival Sacred Heart Feast Day Year 11 Camp End of Term 2



From the Science Department

The Science Department has been very quietly getting on with its business for most of the semester but recent weeks have been very busy.

All students will be in preparation for their final assessment for Semester One and should be revising for the examination.

We were very thrilled to finally be able to move into our **two freshly fitted -out laboratories** which will become a semi specialized Biology and a Physics laboratory. It is wonderful to have classes readily able to access laboratory equipment and space, making experimentation much easier for all. The Preparation Room has certainly been a much busier place since they were opened.

A team of approximately 30 students from Years 9 and 10 competed last week in the **2014 Science and Engineering Challenge**, sponsored by the Institution of Engineers. It was the first time that our students competed. They gained valuable experience and acquitted themselves very well. The Year Nines will be 'old hands' when competing next year.

Year 11 Chemistry students travelled to Marrara Christian College to hear the Royal Australian Chemical Institute's **Bayliss Youth Lecture** on Thursday 22nd May. They heard from Dr Alan Payne who spoke about ways that organic chemists are working to minimize fruit spoilage between the farm and supermarkets, about rational drug design and the processes used by organic chemists to isolate useful compounds from native plants and weeds with the aim of using them as remedies and weed controls. Dr Payne communicated his research efforts in very clear terms.



April Yeo, Dance & Drama Coordinator

Performing Arts Department

Students involved in Dance have been lucky enough to be involved in two events thus far. On the 9th of May the dance students from grades 7 through to 11 went to the Darwin Entertainment Centre and watched Mokuy by the Gary Lang NT Dance Company. This piece was created here in Darwin and allowed the students to see the pathways they can take if they are looking for a career in Dance.



The year 10 and 11 students also performed at Darwin High on the 23rd of May for Darwin High's annual fundraiser. They did extremely well and I am very humbled by their professionalism. All students have been working hard in Dance and Drama and I can't wait to show the MacKillop Community their hard work.



Brodie McCutcheon, Sports Coordinator

Sports Department

Well done to Nicholas Walkington & Zoe Carrier, who both coached teams at the PARCS Basketball Under 12 Championships



Nicholas Walkington giving his team some last minute coaching tips at the recent Championships

Zoe Carrier planning her team's game at the PARCS Basketball Championships





MacKillop Sharks Rugby League Football Club

&

MacKillop Catholic College Rugby League

PRESENT:

On the big screen!

Wednesday 28th May

Food & drink available for purchase!

6.00pm

Here at the College!



Brodie McCutcheon, Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

Duke of Edinburgh

Last weekend our intrepid Duke of Edinburgh students travelled out to Kakadu to complete their bronze camping and bushwalking award requirements.



The Jerusalem Times

When watching the horrifying scene

of Jesus the Leader of our people of our home town suffering with pain and no quilt it was a bloody scene to watch. Hearing the screams and agony pain from Jesus himself was frightening. The mumble of his lips saying “help me”. To see Jesus struggling to hold the wooden cross where he would be crucified was heart dropping. With little clothing to hid his open wounds. I just wanted to help him; but Jesus was surrounded by guards that were willing to hurt anyone that came near him. I was hopeless.

When Jesus made it to where he was about to lose his life at the top of a hill; the citizens of Jerusalem went silent with hearts raising a million miles an hour. While standing among and surrounded by spectators with tears running down their faces came to me and I started to tear up; even though it was hard I didn't want to feel this way as I thought I might have done something to cause this terrible act that was amongst not only me but other citizens of Jerusalem.

I had my set of rosemary beads which I was clamping so tight that my hands were turning red; I was repeating Our Father and Holy Mary many times to hopefully have hope and faith so Jesus didn't have to suffer in pain and miserable guilt.

The time was going so quickly. The cross had

been placed in the position and they were tugging Jesus to where he was going to die. Jesus was shaking with fear. The guards picked up the nail and hammer which was about to be jammed into Jesus' hand. The guard counted to three and *bang* the nail went in. Jesus screamed wanting to get off the cross and go to a safer place where he could live a normal life. Blood immediately started pouring from his hand. The other side and again *bang* the other nail was hammered into his other hand. With only two nails holding Jesus our beloved Leader by two thick nails they banged the third in the middle of his two feet that walked the paths we are walking on.



Image: Jesus nailed to the cross with INRI marked above his head.

When Jesus was nailed to the cross he finally laid his head to rest. Not only me but citizens of Jerusalem bowed their heads in silence to pray for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Written by Olivia Harding 9.3



Rod Plummer,
Outdoor Education
Coordinator

Year 11 Outdoor Education Class

The Year 11 Outdoor Ed class has been going fishing over the last few weeks with some varying degrees of success. The students are having a ball and learning about environmental sustainability at the same time.



Not a bad
size of a
fish! Well
done Aidan
Cross



Just a reminder that applications for the Variety NT Scholarship Program 2014 will be closing on Saturday, 31st May. We encourage you to share this information with as many parents and families as possible. There is no limit on the amount of applications that can be lodged. Please find the application form on the Variety website www.varietynt.org.au/NT/How-we-help/Scholarships

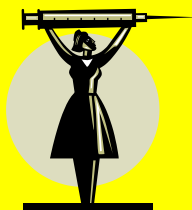
Around the Campus

Congratulations!

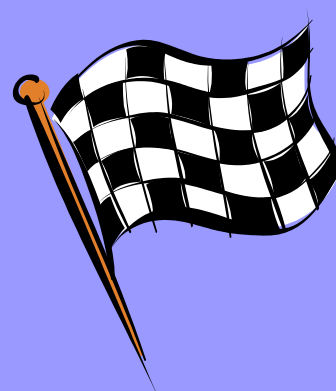


To Helene
McKerlie and family on the
birth of Lucas on 4th May
2014! Both doing well!

IMMUNIZATIONS
REMINDER
29TH MAY!



Parents & Friends Association



2014 - V8Supercars

Sunday 22nd June 2014

GET ALL REVVED UP!!

SUPERCARS CLEANUP 2014

MUST BE 14Yrs AND OLDER

PLEASE CONTACT:

Trudy.perry@norblast.com.au

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

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