



MACKILLOP NEWS

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"Never see a need without trying
to do something about it"
St. Mary MacKillop



Lauretta Graham
Principal

Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Community,

Our Opening Mass has proved to be a very prayerful and wonderful occasion. Watching the students fully participate left me convinced that our full school celebrations are one of the most important experiences of our life at MacKillop; one that our students and staff never forget.

Increasingly the parent / teacher information nights hosted by the teachers and coordinators become an important contact point. Thank you to parents who attended and teachers who did an excellent job at the recent parent / teacher evenings. The response from all concerned was overwhelmingly positive. Basically, children are the sum of what parents contribute to their lives. As parents we can contribute directly by giving our children undivided attention or indirectly by our involvement in organisations which are designed to confirm and promote parents / carers as partners in the delivery of Catholic Education. It is no mystery that parent participation in the life of a school and in their children's schoolwork has a positive impact on student performance and success. Our Parents & Friends Association is looking forward to a fulfilling and productive year. We look forward to your participation and involvement.

In particular, I thank you sincerely for your attendance at the recent events. The Curriculum Mini Night, the Year 12 Information Night, the Working Bee and the IT Information Evenings for Year 7 students all proved very successful.

It is truly wonderful to see our students as they should be – wonderful young adults working hard in class, nominating for leadership positions, taking courage and speaking up on assembly before a crowd, and basically being kind and wonderful people; people we are proud of and people who will pave the way for future young people at our College. It is all happening like this story of "The Cherry Tree".

The Cherry Tree

One June as I passed a cherry tree I was struck by how bare it was; it contained not a shred of beauty. In fact, it required no small act of faith to believe that it was still alive. When I passed the same tree in September, it was teeming with blossoms, and was now an eloquent witness to life. I asked myself where all this beauty had come from. The answer was very simple; it had come from within the tree itself.

On looking at it back in June, when it was still in the grip of winter, who could have believed that it contained all this? I reflected: People too have great potential. If in some people this potential hasn't yet manifested itself, all it means is that for them spring has not yet come.

The poet, Pablo Neruda said: "I want to do with you what spring does with the cherry trees."

Is that what the spirit does with us?

-Fr Dave Lancini

As you go about your busy term activities, allow enough space in your lives for beauty, creativity, imagination and prayer. Lent begins next week with Ash Wednesday. May your Lenten and Easter Seasons be blessed with a prayerful and a peaceful spirit. Pope John Paul reminded us that: "your life may be the only gospel some people will ever read"

If you have any concerns about your student's learning in classrooms, homework allocations, uniform expectations, classroom behaviour or anything that will impact on their success, please contact the school. It is better to have your concerns heard early so that they can enjoy the remainder of the term and achieve the best they can for the semester.

Sincerely,

Lauretta Graham
Principal

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

Thank You to our MacKillop Community

The start of 2017 has been a busy few weeks, not just for our staff and students, but for our parents and all of you other important members of our MacKillop community. Some events which have recently taken place warrant special thanks to all of you involved:

- Our working bee last Sunday - thank you so much for the immense support we received from parents
- The Mini Night last Thursday
- The Year 12 Information Evening on Tuesday
- Our first P&F Association meeting for 2017 last Monday
- Our ICT Information Evenings on Wednesday and Thursday

Thankyou to everyone who attended or was involved in any way with these events. MacKillop is made great by the strong support of our College community.

From the Acting Assistant Principal - Curriculum

The 2017 school year has been met with a new curriculum team. I would like to take this opportunity to let them introduce themselves.



Rod Plummer
Acting Assistant
Principal - Curriculum

Rodney Plummer (Assistant Principal – Curriculum)

I have been a member of the MacKillop Catholic College community for the past 3 years. I have held various positions of responsibility such as Head of Department, Head of Flexible Learning and Year Level Coordinator. I am looking forward to further developing the curriculum and pedagogy at our wonderful College.



Lorna Parker
Head of Middle School

Lorna Parker (Head of Middle School)

I have spent the last 5 years teaching Maths and Science at Centralian Middle school in Alice Springs. Some of my jobs there have included Coordinating the Science faculty, Curriculum across the school, relief lessons for teachers, Managing a Science and Maths Centre of Excellence for Indigenous students and Coordinating Primary school visits. I worked before this at St Patrick's Catholic College in Gympie Queensland. I am delighted to be able to bring my experience to a new adventure in Darwin.



Rodney Cremona
Head of Senior School

Rodney Cremona (Head of Senior School)

Prior to MacKillop Catholic College I taught for 7 years at Katherine High School. During this time I held the positions of responsibilities as Senior Year Level Coordinator. In this role I was responsible for the welfare and academic progress of a specific year level. I am excited and determined to develop a clear understanding of the process and the requirements needed to be successful in the Senior Years at MacKillop Catholic College.

Arts News



Natalie Hafsteins
Dance and Drama
Coordinator

Dance and Drama News

Welcome to 2017 Dance & Drama!

We have had a great start to the term. Here is a shot of our Year 7 Drama students caught in the action. The Year 7s are unfolding the concepts of drama, acting, characters, improvisation, and team building.



Our Senior Dance and Drama programs are well into their studies. Here is our current group of year 11s and 12s working with Skeleton Steve, looking at alignment and its relevance to safe dance practice.

Dance and Drama Dates to remember Semester 1:

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|----------------------------|-----------------|
| • Drama Excursion yr10/11: | 16/03/17 |
| • Drama Excursion yr 7: | 17/03/17 |
| • Sea breeze Festival: | 6/05/17 |
| • Fred's Pass Show: | 13/05-14/05 |
| • Drama Night: | 30/05/17 6.30pm |
| • Dance Night: | 31/05/17 6.30pm |
| • Darwin Eisteddfod: | 7/06/17 |

Our after school dance program has returned:

Jdance- Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm (no experience needed).

Sdance- Thursday 3.15-4.15pm (experience is encouraged).

**Please fill out necessary forms available at the College Office -student reception.*

I'm looking forward to sharing the many opportunities 2017 offers within the Arts at MacKillop Catholic College.

Kind regards,

Natalie Hafsteins
Dance and Drama Coordinator



Year 9, 10 & 11's Drama Excursion- Mr Takahashi, playwright by Sandra Thibodeaux.

Our MacKillop students attended a trip to Browns Mart Theatre to see a historical play about WW2 lifestyle in Darwin. Our students had the opportunity to meet the Australian playwright and hear about concepts and themes explored in the play. The work brought conversations about cultural knowledge, perspectives and understanding. Our Year 9 students will use their experience to review their experience for their term 1 Assessment.

MHS Careers News

Anyone in the MacKillop Catholic College community can register for the newsletters and email alerts from MHS Careers. The easiest way is for students and parents to go to the "Contact Us" page and fill in the Email Form, or they can simply email to me with their name, school and email address. To see the news and calendar on the website please ask your school community to use: **Login: mccnt, Password: 285**. These newsletters are also posted on the MCC website at www.mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/teaching-learning/vet

"Careers advisers helping careers advisers" is a Facebook Group for careers advisers who are subscribed to mhscareers. This group is for us to help each other with difficult questions that we may have. The group has been set up as a "secret group" which means that only members can find and see posts. See Mrs Scullen for details.

There is a "How to Use the Website" page under About Us on the menu bar on www.mhscareers.com. On the calendar under Select State, tick **All States** and your state to see your events.

Many Thanks,

Ron Sylvester, MHS CAREERS

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Sports News



Nakita Dendle
HPE Teacher

AFL DAY - MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS ONLY

Tuesday 14th March 2017
Northline Oval
8:30am – 2.30pm
Cost: \$15

Competition Details:
Teams of 15 players
Middle School Boys Only Event
Format: AFL NT Rules – no rough tackles – AFLNT Supported
Signed Permission Forms Due: Friday 3rd March 2017
For further information contact:
Mr. Goldberg, Mr. Kensey or Miss Dendle

AFL DAY - GIRLS ONLY MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Monday 13th March 2017
Northline Oval
8:30am – 2.30pm
Cost: \$15

Competition Details:
Teams of 15 players
Middle School Girls Only Event
Format: AFL NT Basic Rules – no rough tackles – AFLNT Supported
Signed Permission Forms Due: Thursday 2nd March 2017
For further information contact:
Mr. Goldberg, Mr. Kensey or Miss Dendle

BASKETBALL DAY – MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOLS

Friday 3rd March 2017
Marrara DBA
8:30am – 2.30pm

Competition Details:
Middle School Girls, Middle School Boys, Senior School Girls, Senior School Boys
Signed Permission Forms Due: Friday 24th February 2017
For further information contact:
Mrs Jones or Miss Dendle

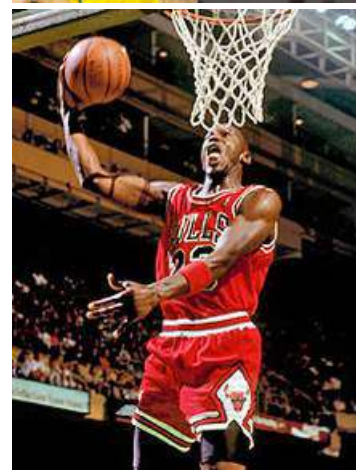
See the forms attached at the end of this newsletter to apply for any of these PARRS events.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Any students wishing to act as a volunteer and Team Official for school sports NT in; touch, tennis, basketball, cricket, softball or rugby league, please come and see Miss Dendle for an application form and more information. This is a great opportunity for students who want to gain more experience in coaching, refereeing, managing and coordinating sporting team.

Regards,

Nakita Dendle
HPE Teacher



I.T. News



Vanaja Arakkal
Director of IT
Teaching and Learning

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Thankyou everyone who attended the IT info nights. One important thing to remember is that students who have BYO laptops must see IT staff in order to set their laptops up for school use. Also BYOL forms must be signed. These are available from the College website (www.mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/teaching-learning/it) or from the IT staff.

Regards,

Vanaja Arakkal
Director of IT - Teaching and Learning

SOME PHOTOS FROM I.T. SO FAR THIS TERM



P&F Association News

Welcome to the 2017 school year! We hope it's a year filled with valuable learning and fun for your children.

All parents and guardians of students at the College are members of the P&F. We value your membership and invite you to join us at meetings, fundraising events, coffee mornings and also encourage you to have your say regarding matters of importance concerning the College and your students.

P&F members can be contacted via the College Office or our dedicated email address:

MK.ParentsandFriends@nt.catholic.edu.au

Meetings

P&F meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm in the College Board Room located in the Office. The next meeting is our AGM which will be held on Monday 13 March at 7pm. Please make some time to attend if possible. Meetings have a strict 2hr time limit.

The Minutes of all P&F meetings are available on the College website.

Coffee Mornings

On the second Monday morning of each month we also hold a coffee and chat get together in the College café from 8-9am. We have a 'real' coffee machine and a range of yummy home made treats to tempt you with.

Thank you Trudy

Many, many thanks to Trudy Perry who has recently resigned from her position as P&F Treasurer. Trudy has volunteered her talents above and beyond expectation as a member of the Executive Committee. We wish Trudy and her family well and look forward to hopefully seeing Trudy at future meetings.

2016 Brisbane Dance Trip

Last year the P&F made a financial contribution towards a talented group of MCC dancers, led by Miss Natalie Hafsteins, who undertook a range of workshops in Brisbane and who also performed on stage at Dreamworld. I've included some photos of this talented group who absolutely did us proud.

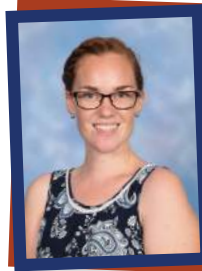


Please remember that the Executive Members of the P&F Committee are available to you at all times. Whether you have an issue to discuss, ideas to share or would just like to have a chat, we are ready and willing to listen.

Enjoy your week!

Elizabeth Laughton
MCC P&F Association President

Chaplain's Chat



Kathryn Pettersen
College Chaplain

Mack Night is Happening Friday Week 5!!! It starts straight after school and runs until 6pm. It is a free event. This Mack Night will be a movie and games night. All students are welcome! I'll be coming around to homeforms over the next few days, so if you have any questions just let me know.

We are about to enter into our Church season of Lent. Did you know, the ashes we receive on our forehead on Ash Wednesday come from burning the palms used on Palm Sunday the year before?

Lent is a time for us to not only give up chocolate or soft drink, but it is also a time for us to 'take up' something as well. Maybe this Lent, you would like to take up the challenge of staying silent for 10 mins a day, or to say morning prayer. Perhaps you are going to take up saying only positive things to others; you decide. What are you going to give up or take up this Lenten season?

Many Blessings,

Kathryn Pettersen
College Chaplain

Upcoming Events

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| Mon 27/2/17 | House meeting and elections for House Leaders |
| Tue 28/2/17 | Shrove Tuesday |
| | MASH Netball Grant Thank You BBQ at lunchtime |
| Wed 1/3/17 | Ash Wednesday Liturgy |
| Thu 2/3/17 | 9, 10 & 11 Art Excursion Art Gallery/ Museum |
| | Yr 7 Integrated Project Welcome Dinner |
| Fri 3/3/17 | Mack Night 3:20pm to 6pm |
| Sun 5/3/17 | Staff Commissioning Mass at 8:30am at OLHOC Church followed by morning tea |
| Mon 6/3/17 | 12:13pm Student Leader's Commissioning Ceremony followed by Light Lunch |
| Tue 7/3/17 | College Photo Day |
| Thu 9/3/17 | College Photo Catch Up Day |



MACKILLOP
CATHOLIC
COLLEGE
MUSIC

CHOIR

STARTS WEEK 3
EVERY MONDAY LUNCH TIME

ALL WELCOME! NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

SEE MRS EZZY FOR MORE DETAILS



MACKILLOP
CATHOLIC
COLLEGE
MUSIC

Every Tuesday
LUNCHTIME

GUITAR ENSEMBLE
Starts Week 3

ALL WELCOME, BUT
SOME EXPERIENCE
ON GUITAR WILL
BE HELPFUL.
SEE MRS EZZY
IN THE MUSIC
ROOM FOR
MORE DETAILS



THANK YOU BBQ

IN THANKS FOR THE GENEROUS GRANT FROM NT GOVERNMENT SPORTS AND RECREATION
THIS FUNDING WENT TOWARDS NETBALL EQUIPMENT, BALLS, POST PADS, AND MANY OTHER ESSENTIAL THINGS FOR OUR CLUB

TUESDAY 28TH FEB 2017 1PM

AT MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE
MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ABC
AND NT NEWS, AS WELL AS LOCAL POLITICIANS,
WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE

SAUSAGE SIZZLE! \$2/SAUSAGE



MacKillop
Catholic College
Parents & Friends
Association

P & F COFFEE CLUB

JOIN US IN *The Olive Grove Cafe*
FROM 8AM - 9AM

TERM 1 DATES:

MONDAY 13TH FEB
MONDAY 13TH MAR
MONDAY 3RD APR

(DAYS OF P&F ASSOC. MEETINGS)



Contact mk.parentsandfriends@nt.catholic.edu.au for more information



VOICES
of Palmerston

Artistic
MULTI-MEDIA

learn how to tell a story using photography and short film, your stories being told through creative arts and multi-media

THURSDAYS 2 – 23 MARCH
5.30 – 8.30pm

Lino
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create a series of Lino Prints to tell a story about a special place or person in Palmerston

ADULTS: SATURDAY 11 MARCH
YOUTH: SATURDAY 18 MARCH
9AM – 12:30PM

Book online at www.palmerston.nt.gov.au
The Heights, Durack Community Centre 33 Packard Ave, Durack Heights
Enquiries: lori.uden@palmerston.nt.gov.au 18935 9919

city of PALMERSTON



Get Involved

Harvey Norman
NRL TOUCH FOOTBALL

PALMERSTON JUNIORS
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
5:30pm – 6:30pm
CDU Grounds Palmerston

\$100 per child includes a playing singlet
COMPETITION ENDS April 5
Boys and Girls aged 4 – 15
Enquiries: ph 89270532
isobel@touchfootball.com.au

PLAYNRL.COM

MacKillop Japan Trip 19th Sep-4th Oct 2017

We'd like to hear your Expression of Interest.

Please contact Ms. Popp
Or Ms. Saliba about this trip.

Cost: approx. \$3800-4000

(It may change due to flight fees.)

Cost includes your trip fees including meals, flight fees, and accommodation.

Not includes passport fees, visa, insurance, allowance.

Itinerary

Day 1 flight to Japan via Singapore

Day 2&3 Tokyo free day - Tokyo Disney Land, Harajuku

Day 4 Mt, Fuji-Shinkan sen (bullet train)

Day 5 Osaka

Day 6 Kyoto (UNESCO World Heritage Sites)

Day 7&8 Hiroshima & Miyajima (World Heritage Sites)

Day 9-14 Sister School Hakata visit & Home stay in Fukuoka prefecture.

Day 15&16 flight back to Australia via Singapore



Faith on Tap

starts 6pm, ends 9pm

@ Shenannigans, Mitchell St

Join us for a meal, a drink and some good conversation



Faith on Tap is a relaxed forum where friends gather for a meal, a drink and a talk, questions + discussion on the Catholic faith + how it applies to daily life.

Come and get **on Tap** with others of like-mind, explore **Faith** and life in a new + refreshing way. Bring a friend and meet new people.

Keep in touch

meetup.com/Faith-on-Tap-Darwin

fb.com/groups/faithontapdarwin

faithontapdarwin@gmail.com



Monday 6 March - "Religion & Politics: opportunity or risk?" with Gerry Wood MLA, Independent Member for Nelson

What relationship should exist between religions and government? Rationalists are clear that true separation strengthens our democracy. But can Government and Church work together for the greater good? Does God have a place in government? Long time Territorian Gerry Wood has been a Catholic man in NT parliament since 2001. He will share his experiences and shed light on these questions and more.



Vinnies Volunteers Wanted!

JOIN US IN CHANGING LIVES. Vinnies Palmerston is looking for new volunteers! Would you like to join our team? If you LOVE meeting new people, have a POSITIVE attitude, ENJOY fashion, have time to CONTRIBUTE to your community, want to gain EXPERIENCE in retail & would like to VOLUNTEER for a leading NT charity

Become a Vinnies Volunteer Retail Assistant.

To find out more contact the Centre Manager 3 Roylat St, Palmerston or call 89488100



ACCEPTED HERE

Registered Activity Provider for the Sport Voucher Scheme

Hello!

Kicking off 2017, we would like to remind all parents, students, families and staff that we now accept school vouchers and would like to offer your community corporate rates!

iFitness247 encourages children between the ages of 14 - 18 to get active and stay that way. Participating in regular physical activity helps to gain confidence and become healthier, happier and more comfortable with exercising. For this reason, we have recently been approved to accept the \$100 Sports Vouchers. These vouchers can be redeemed on memberships or Personal Training sessions designed specifically for the students fitness and/or health development.

We currently have memberships that are discounted to just \$13.95/week or \$650 paid in advance for 12 months! To ensure on going affordability to your staff, students and families, we would like to offer your school community an ongoing corporate rate. Once our presale ends, corporate rates will be \$14.95/week or \$650 paid in advance for 12 months.

Our memberships include 24/7 access to all three state of the art iFitness clubs (located in Darwin City, Palmerston and Millner) live and virtual group fitness classes.

Kind Regards,
Cathryn McAdie
iFitness Palmerston Club Manager

Palmerston Athletic Club sign on date **Sunday the 5th of March 2017**
Marlow Lagoon Recreational Area Palmerston 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Come join us and be part of an exciting season of athletics
pac.cheetah@gmail.com

<http://paccheetah.wix.com/athletics>
<https://www.facebook.com/PalmerstonAthleticsClub>



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Badminton NT invites all interested people aged 5 - 18 to join our

Junior Development Squad

Beginners
to
Advanced
groups

Costs
Session Fees \$6.00
Membership \$60.00
Sports Vouches accepted

Monday &
Wednesday
5.00 - 7.00 pm

21 Albatross Street Winnellie

www.ntbadminton.org.au

admin@ntbadminton.org.au



Lá Fhéile Pádraig - Aifreann i gaelach

You are invited to celebrate

St Patrick's Day


with a Mass in Gaelic at St Paul's Catholic Church,
Cnr Francis St and Trower Rd, Nightcliff on
Fri 10th March (1 week early) at **7pm.**

Mass will be celebrated by Fr Jimmy O'Gara
(visiting from Nhulunbuy)



Light refreshments afterwards. Please bring a plate to share.




STUDY
IN THE
LIBRARY

UNTIL 6PM
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY
ALL YEAR LEVELS WELCOME



2017 KIDS TRIATHLON AND NT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Would you like to try a Tri? On Saturday 15 April 2017, Triathlon NT presents the annual Kids and Junior NT Championships at the picturesque Lake Alexander, East Point Reserve, Darwin. Races are open to all comers, and comprise a series of fun challenges in swimming, cycling and running across distances to suit all levels of ability for children aged 6-16. Non-members are welcome! We also offer pre-event participation opportunities, most of which are free, or offered for a nominal charge.



What do I need to participate?

- Clothes you can swim, cycle and run in, goggles and a pair of running shoes, a cycling helmet and any type of bicycle.

How do I enter?

- Register online, at:
<http://www.active.com/east-point-reserve-nt/triathlon/races/nt-kids-triathlon-2017>.

What will I have to do?

- The NT Kids Triathlon is an event designed to introduce children to the sport in a fun environment, and is suitable for both beginners and more experienced athletes. All swim legs are conducted in waist-deep water and all cycling is done on traffic-controlled roads.

More information?

Contact Tim Ellison:

0437 602 346

ntjuniordevelopment@gmail.com



Find us online at:

www.triathlon.org.au/State_Associations/NT/Northern_Territory_Home.html

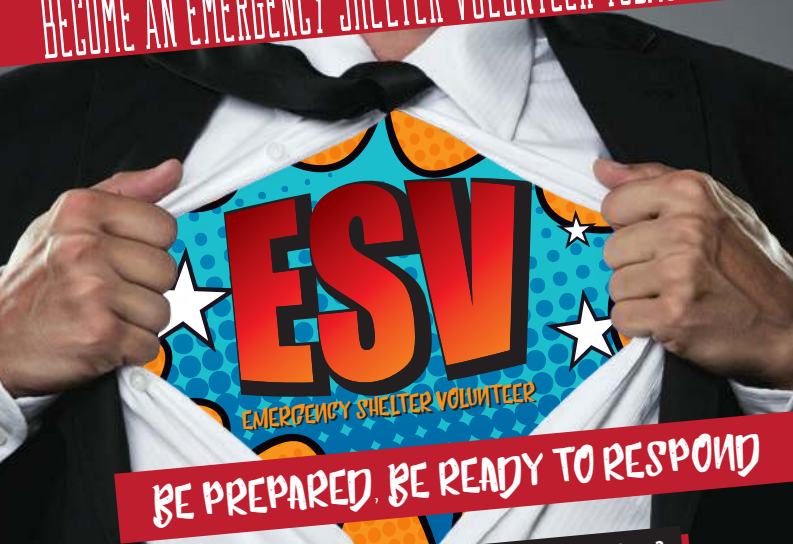
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/Triathlon-Northern-Territory->


Commerce-PINTs Hockey Club
Come and Have a Go!
Junior Hockey Development Camp
5 weeks
Wednesdays 5.30 - 6.30pm
8 March - 5 April
Wagaman Oval, Limmen Street
Sticks provided
All ages
Register with Junior VP: Cindy 0437 388 441
commerce.pints@gmail.com
Our 2016 U8s, U11s and new U14s are welcome too. Why not bring a friend?

It's free!
It's fun!
It's for fitness!
It's for families!



BECOME AN EMERGENCY SHELTER VOLUNTEER TODAY!



BE PREPARED. BE READY TO RESPOND

Why volunteer to help manage Emergency Cyclone Shelters?

1. Cyclone shelters offer people a safe place in the face of a cyclone, and the shelters need people to manage them.
2. You will draw on past experience and knowledge to help others be safe and stay calm.
3. Volunteering is good for your career and it's also rewarding.
4. Volunteering gives you a sense of purpose and builds strong relationships in the emergency management network.
5. Volunteers are the backbone to a whole of government and whole of community response to an emergency.

To find out more information visit
www.education.nt.gov.au



Fight For Life Australia



Dates: 6th - 12th February 2017
Location: See www.MasterPaul.com.au for your nearest local centre
Donate: www.fightforlifeaustralia.com.au

What is Fight For Life?



Almost everyone on the planet has had someone they know or love affected by cancer.

Fight For Life was established so that Martial Arts practitioners can Kick Cancer Together. Now you can be a part of the largest cancer fundraiser run by one martial arts club.

All money raised will go direct to the Cancer Council to help find a cure or vaccine for cancer.

www.fightforlifeaustralia.com.au

For one week your local United Taekwondo centres around Australia are running a Fight For Life event.

For every adult or child that tries out in a club, the club owner will donate \$10 towards Cancer Council.

To find out more about this fundraising event go to
www.FightForLifeAustralia.com.au



PILATES FOR YOUTH

- Improved posture
- Increased core strength, flexibility and stability
- Improved sports and movement performance
- Fun, engaging environment in dedicated pilates studio
- Full supervision by professional instructors
- Eligible for sports vouchers and some private health rebates



15 February – 29 March, Weds 4pm – 4:45pm
Encore Pilates Studio
47 Stuart Hwy, Stuart Park

Suitable for 12-18 years.
Cost \$140 (7-week term)
Sports Voucher accepted, may be eligible for private health rebate

For more information visit www.encorepilates.com.au or call 0417 003 974

PALMERSTON BALLET SCHOOL Established 1984

***Classes in Classical Ballet**

***Preparations for examinations Pre Primary to Advanced (Cecchetti)**

***Performance and production opportunities**

***Adults' stretch/tonic and ballet barre starting soon (on demand)**

***Special "little 3's" class**

***Jazz and tap offered**

***Location: Dance studio MacKillop Catholic College, Farrar Blvd Johnston.**

***Inquiries: Principal Jan Hedenig L.C.B.A. C.I.C.B. REGISTERED TEACHER**

jan@palmerstonballet.com.au 08 89 312 508.

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Follow our YouTube channel - MacKillop Catholic College Palmerston NT

February 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

Yr 7 Integrated Project Welcome Dinner

There will be a Welcome Dinner for all yr 7 parents/guardians and their children on Thursday 2nd of March. The students are beginning to work on aspects of this dinner in many of their classes. Parents are asked to bring a picnic meal to eat with their family and a little bit more to share. We hope to make your child's learning even more fun through this project as well as involving parents in the learning of their students. It should also be an opportunity to meet and network with other year 7 parents.

Where will it be held and what time?

- in the area outside and inside the Canteen on Thursday 2nd March at 6-7.30pm. We will set up our Bain Marie for those who wish to keep food warm.

What is the aim of the evening?

- To involve as many students, their parents and their teachers as possible who all bring a shared meal.
- To integrate the planning throughout as many yr 7 subjects as possible and engage students more in their learning.

What do I need to bring?

A picnic rug, camping chairs, food to feed your family and a little more to share, an artefact from your culture and drinks. Cutlery, plates, cups and tea and coffee provided.

Any questions?

Email Ms Lorna Parker at lorna.parker@nt.catholic.edu.au or call on 0414551446

Kind Regards
Ms Lorna Parker
Head of Middle School

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PERMISSION FOR STUDENT TO ATTEND EXCURSION ACTIVITY

School Name:		Year 7- 9 competitions and Year 10- 12 competitions	
Times and Dates of activity: Friday 3 March From: 9.30am - 1.30pm		Student requirements Water bottle, food, suitable runners with socks, team uniform, suggest a hand towel for sweat.	
Details of each activity (<i>itemise each proposed activity and if necessary attach a proposed itinerary and supervisor list</i>): Students will be driven from school by bus to participate in a regional basketball competition at Marrara Indoor Basketball Stadium. We will leave school at 8:30 am and return by 2:30pm			
Planned Transport: <input type="checkbox"/> School Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Hire Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Town Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Staff/Parent Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Student's Own Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Walking <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Costs associated with activity: Excursion costs: \$5 PARRS levy and \$10 for transport = TOTAL \$ 15			
Please complete all details below and return it to (teacher in charge or office) By / / Failure to do so may result in your child being unable to participate in the activity. (Teacher Signature) (Principal Signature)/...../.....			
Student's Family Name:		Student's Given Names:	
Student's Date of Birth:		Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Parent/Caregiver's Name:		Parent/Caregiver Telephone Number: Work: Home: Mobile:	
Emergency Contact Name (alternate contact):		Emergency Contact Telephone Number: Work: Home: Mobile:	
Student's medical details: Date of last tetanus injection:	Known allergies (drug reaction etc.):		Dietary restrictions:
Is the student under medication? (If yes, name medication and attach instructions)			
Has your child any special medical condition, physical or psychological limitations or cultural restrictions which may affect her/him whilst taking part in any activities? Please provide full details (attach information if necessary). Please provide any other information which you believe may help staff provide the best possible care. 			
Please refer to the back of this page. (PTO)			

Parental Consent

Your attention is drawn to the following important points:

- Students are under the teacher's/supervisor's authority for the duration of the excursion. A student may be returned home at the expense of the parent/caregiver if the teacher/supervisor considers that circumstances warrant such action.
- The Department of Education has a duty of care for students engaged in school related activities, including excursions and sporting events under its direction or supervision. All reasonable steps will be taken to protect students against reasonably foreseeable risks of injury or harm.
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- Students are not permitted to transport other students in vehicles regardless of written permission being provided.

Permission is given to attend this excursion.

☐ YES

☐ NO

Permission is given for school staff to administer first aid if required

☐ YES

☐ NO

Permission is given to secure medical attention in case of illness/accident whilst on this excursion and I accept responsibility for any costs involved including ambulance transport if applicable.

☐ YES

☐ NO

I agree to pay the excursion costs outlined above.

☐ YES

☐ NO

Where the excursion involves aquatic activities, I consent to my child swimming with supervision.

☐ YES

☐ NO

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Parent/Caregiver Name

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Parent/Caregiver Signature

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Date

PERMISSION FOR STUDENT TO ATTEND PARRS SCHOOL SPORT AFL EVENT

School Name:		Class/Year: BOYS ONLY MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT	
Times and Dates of activity: 8.30am -2.30pm (Competition runs from 9.15 am - 1.30pm) Tuesday 14th March, Asbuild Sporting Complex		Student requirements: Appropriate footwear, uniform, hat, water bottle, cool bag with healthy lunch and snacks, own sunscreen if any allergy to specific sunscreens. Mouthguard recommended. Football boots (if owned). No metal studs.	
Details of each activity (<i>itemise each proposed activity and if necessary attach a proposed itinerary and supervisor list</i>): Students will participate in a PARRS Interschool AFL Carnival.			
Planned Transport: <input type="checkbox"/> School Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Hire Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Town Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Staff/Parent Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Student's Own Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Walking <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Costs associated with activity: Excursion costs \$5 PARRS Levy plus transport costs \$10 = \$15 to be paid through school fees			
Please complete all details below and return it to..... (teacher in charge) By / / Failure to do so may result in your child being unable to participate in the activity. (Teacher Signature) (Principal Signature)/...../.....			
Student's Family Name:		Student's Given Names:	
Student's Date of Birth:		Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
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I agree to pay the excursion costs outlined above.

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Parent/Caregiver Name

Parent/Caregiver Signature

Date

PERMISSION FOR STUDENT TO ATTEND PARRS SCHOOL SPORT AFL EVENT

School Name:		Class/Year: GIRLS ONLY MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT	
Times and Dates of activity: 8.30am -2.30pm (Competition runs from 9.15 am - 1.30pm) Monday 13th March, Asbuild Sporting Complex		Student requirements: Appropriate footwear, uniform, hat, water bottle, cool bag with healthy lunch and snacks, own sunscreen if any allergy to specific sunscreens. Mouthguard recommended. Football boots (if owned). No metal studs. Hair tied up/braided	
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Parent/Caregiver Name

Parent/Caregiver Signature

Date



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The world-class Tomatis® method is now offered at MacKillop Catholic College!

I am a staff member of MacKillop Catholic College specialising in Music, who is also a Licentiate of Tomatis® Method, a world-class educational intervention, will work with students in our College to improve their educational outcomes.

This method is based in sound and rigorous science, and is already part of the school curriculum in several advanced European countries. It has seen tremendous recognition and success for more than 60 years worldwide. It was invented by Alfred Tomatis, a Professor of Audio-Psycho-Phonology (APP or Tomatis® Method) and an ENT specialist, helping millions of adults and children with various educational needs. Amongst them are famous singers and actors such as Gerard Depardieu, Luciano Pavarotti, Maria Callas, and Sting, who faced various difficulties in their careers. It is a great honour that this program is offered at MacKillop Catholic College.

THE TOMATIS® METHOD – A NEURO-AUDITORY TRAINING PROGRAM

The Tomatis® Method can be described as a sound stimulation and educational intervention that improves listening, language, motivation, attention, learning, self-image, awareness, musical ability and appreciation, audio-vocal control, and posture. The method aims to re-establish the full potential of the human ear, the most powerful sensory organ of our body. When the ear listens well, the whole body is involved. Learning becomes easier, and more potential skills and intelligence can be developed. Once students complete their listening programs, they will become more motivated and better able to work with their teachers and easily develop skills that once were very difficult for them to achieve.

INITIAL ASSESSMENT, TED® ONLINE RESEARCH PLATFORM, NEURO-AUDITORY TRAINING PROGRAM

It begins with an Initial Assessment, which includes a listening test, laterality, and some drawings, along with access to TED® Educational Online Research platform. A consultation with parents follows to review the results of the assessment and the detailed personal history to determine appropriate goals for each student, and to recommend a program, if one can be helpful in achieving the goals. The length of the program varies depending on the person's motivation and degree of difficulty. A typical length of program is sixty hours of listening passively to music over several months, with the actual length determined at reassessment. To train listening skills and bring more positive educational outcomes, I will use a sophisticated, state-of-the-art device known as TalksUp® Electronic Ear.

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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"

This is followed by an active phase, where all students are encouraged to use their voices creatively and express themselves freely, improve social skills through group singing or reading aloud activities with the use of Forbrain®, a device that enhances memory, attention, communication, and language processing skills. The active phase, especially during puberty, is crucially important to reawaken or 'reactivate' the mechanisms of learning, memory, and attention which may be temporarily disturbed during the physical vocal change that all students go through. By doing so, the brain finds it easier to cope with the puberty challenges and learning is not disturbed on emotional and physical levels. In reality, the new lower frequency 'sound colour' of a male or female student's voice needs to be 'accepted' by the brain from the beginning on new foundations.

THE VALUE OF MUSIC EDUCATION AND INSTRUMENTAL/VOCAL LESSONS

As studies have demonstrated, music has the potential to improve a wide range of physical, emotional, educational, and social skills in all students. Therefore, it is highly recommended, and I encourage you to enrol your children to learn an instrument such as piano, violin, voice, guitar, or drums (percussions) which are currently offered in collaboration with the Music Department. Please email your enquiries and all relevant attached forms directly to me.

Regards,

Georgios Papasavvas

Music / Religious Education Teacher

Licentiate of the Tomatis® Method (Audio-Psycho-Phonology)

PERMISSION FORM FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE TOMATIS® PROGRAMME

I _____ (*parent/caregiver name*)

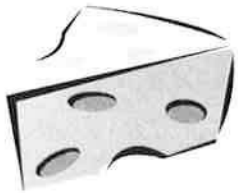
grant permission for my son/daughter _____ (*student name*)

to participate in the Tomatis programme with Mr Georgios Papasavvas, which will involve the following:

- An initial assessment (TED® - [Online Research Platform](#))
- A listening test (TLTS® - [Audiological assessment for conscious attention](#))
- Laterality test
- Assessment of drawing ability (Evaluation of pre/post fine motor skills)
- Neuro-Auditory Training Program for Education (Listening to Music with the Tomatis Effect)

Signed: _____

Date: _____



"Say Cheese"



**MSP Photography
are on their way!!!**

**School Photo Day is:
Tuesday 7th March 2017**

**Have your child's school memories
captured forever.**

**Please take time to read the relevant information
on the MSP payment envelopes & remember
these helpful points:**

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other – You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given – cash, cheques and money orders only. Credit card payments can only be made online.

Please feel free to visit our web site

www.msp.com.au

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