

## TERM 2 WEEK 10 21ST JUNE 2017

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Lauretta Graham Principal

Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Community,

Attending the First Eucharist celebration at Our Lady Help of Christian's Church last Saturday night reminded me of the book "Living Buddha, Living Christ". The Buddhist monk, Thich Nhat Hanh, suggests that perhaps the Last Supper, our Eucharist, should be known instead as the "First Supper" because following such a sacred meal, everything will be fresh and new. This seems to be a lovely way to express this sacrament.

Perhaps the phrase, "receiving Communion", could likewise do with reinventing, as it can suggest that we who "receive" are simply passive, that we're not really doing anything and that Christ is the one who is doing, we are simply receiving. True, Christ is doing something but part of what He is doing is inviting us to respond in an active way. To live our lives in a new way according to the Gospel message of love and care for each other.

Eucharist celebrations are an important part of our life at MacKillop Catholic College. For this reason, Fr Tom travels to each and every retreat and camp to celebrate Eucharist with our students and staff. This week, Fr Tom will travel to Kakadu to celebrate mass with the Year 11 students and staff.

One of the activities that occupies a great deal of young people's time is watching adults. Students do this. They watch their parents and teachers. They learn more from the way teachers and parents treat them than from what the school may try to teach formally about spirituality, prayerfullness, good behaviour and appropriate manners. (Crawford and Rossiter) It is quite common for students and staff to return from a retreat or camp seeing each other through very different eyes.

This semester we have experienced the Year 7, 10 and 12 Retreat and the Year 11 Camp. Leaving the Year 8 & 9 Camps for next semester. According to Marcellin Flynn, long time researcher into the culture of Australian Catholic schools, "no area of school life received such stong approval from students as their retreats". Every retreat and camp includes elements of spiritual development and prayer. Developing a sensitivity to the Divine, affirming students' uniqueness, encouraging personal responsibility and providing an opportunity to meet staff in different roles. All this has a profoud effect on students lives and is important. I see this as God at work. We always look forward to all students attending and actively living the whole experience with Eucharist as the pinnacle.

Have a wonderful holiday. With every best wish,





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

### FINANCE NEWS



Amos Wachira Business Manager

The finance team wishes to convey our gratitude to parents and guardians who are continuously making sure that their fees and levies are paid on time and payment arrangement honoured. This enables the college to provide high quality learning and proper environment for students. The Fees statements are generated regularly and emailed out/sent through post to all families. The statement serves as a record of all transactions that the family conducts with the school. Kindly review the statement and in case of any discrepancies, please refer it back to our finance team.

School fees are now overdue unless a payment arrangement with the college has been agreed. Please ensure if you have not yet completed a payment agreement to contact the finance team so we have a record of your scheduled and intended payment of fees. If the arrangement form is not received and the payment arrangements are not honoured, Semester 1 reports will be withheld. To avoid this happening, please ensure

the payment arrangement form has been sent to Finance and all payments, as agreed, are made on time.

Payments of school fees can be made via BPay, Credit Card or cash payment at our front office reception. These payment options are provided for on your statement. You can also make a direct bank transfer to the below College bank account;

MacKillop Catholic College National Australia Bank

BSB: 085933

Account: 396042505

Please include your family reference when making payment so we can allocate all monies to correct account. For all queries pertaining to school fees, please call 8930 5716 or email finance.mackillop@nt.catholic.edu.au.

Kind regards,

# Amos Wachira Business Manager

### **RUGBY LEAGUE NEWS**

### **WELL DONE LETOYA!**

Congratulations to Letoya McCoy, who represented the NT in girls rugby, and at the end of the weekend was chosen to go and play in the Queensland squad during the school holidays.

### RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP VISIT

Representatives from the rugby league world cup visited our College to let students get up close to the cup itself and learn more about the competition.











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

### **ARTS NEWS**



Matt Holt Instrumental Music Coordinator

### **MUSIC NEWS**

#### **Instrumental Music Lessons Term 3**

Students continuing instrumental lessons from Term 2 will commence lessons in week 1. Semester 1 students will automatically continue lessons unless informed otherwise. New instrumental students will commence in week 2. Please remain patient while we work to correctly finalise the instrumental timetables. Any questions regarding lessons should be directed to Mr. Matt Holt at matthew.holt@nt.catholic.edu.au

#### **Music Night**

Music Students performed excellently in front of a full audience during the Semester One Music Night on Thursday, 8 June 2017. The audience were entertained by the variety of music genres performed by the String Ensemble, Concert Band, Guitar Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble, solo and duo performances. The students were also presented awards for their hard work and achievements this semester.

#### Congratulations to the following students for receiving the following awards:

Band Excellent Progress Award- Ruby Lui (Year 8)

Most Committed Band Member- Alex Delosa (Year 11)

Guitar and Piano Excellent Progress Award- Daniel Neuman (Year 9), Ethan Matheson (Year 9) and Trae Buckland

(Year 9)

String Ensemble Excellent Progress Award- Ella Day (Year 7)

Most Committed String Ensemble Member- Maria Stoddard (Year 10)

### **Appointment of String Ensemble Section Leaders**

Congratulations to the following students who were recently appointed Leader of the String Ensemble and Section Leaders. Concertmaster- Maria Stoddard (Year 10) Cello Section Leader- Sarah Blackman (Year 9)

# Australian Music Examination Board

Results (AMEB) May 2017

Congratulations to Trae Buckland for receiving a High Distinction (A+) on his Grade 2 AMEB Piano Exams held at Charles Darwin University in May 2017.























Natalie Hafsteins
Dance and Drama
Coordinator

### **DANCE AND DRAMA NEWS**

#### **DANCE AND DRAMA NIGHTS, SEMESTER 1 2017**

Our end of semester Performances for Dance and Drama were a huge success. The performances exhibited those who have taken advantage of the Elective and Extra Curricular Programs offered in Semester 1, 2017. We had a number of students effectively engage in the rehearsal and performance process. These Performance Nights showed how the Creative Arts program continues to grow student passion for the Arts through a supportive environment.

A big thank you to the students involved, you showed a true sense of community supporting one another. It's not an easy task getting up in front of a large crowd, you led with courage and excelled with pride, well done.

Of course it is not possible to run such nights without the assistance of students, staff, and parents. I take this opportunity to thank those who came on the night. Our Performance Nights have brought much growth in the Creative Art's community sharing students passion and enjoyment of live performance with family and friends.

Kind regards,

# Natalie Hafsteins Dance and Drama Coordinator



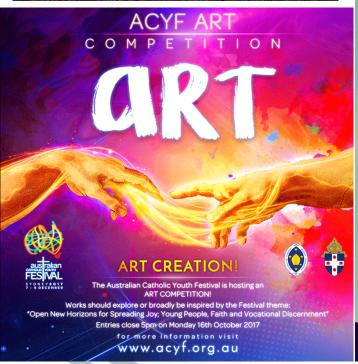
## **ARTS NEWS**

### **MACKILLOPS GOT TALENT**

MacKillops Got Talent is on the 11th of August!

Students and Teachers should all start thinking about preparing their acts - there are some big boots to fill after the impressive efforts of previous years.





# MACKILLOP NEWS





### INTERNATIONAL NEWS



# STUDENTS VISITING FROM OUR SISTER SCHOOL, HAKATA

Our first visitors from our sister school in Japan, Hakata High School, are on their way!

They will be here from the 21st of July to the 16th of August.

Tomiko Popp
International Coordinator Joining us will be Ryo Matsuo, Miyu Miyamura,
Noa Yoshida, and Hiroto Kuroki. They will be with their teacher,

Their message is "We can't wait to see you!"



#### **HOST FAMILIES DESPERATELY WANTED!**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Miss Tomomi Nakashima.

My name is Tomiko Popp and I'm the International Student Coordinator at MacKillop Catholic College. I'm desperately looking for host families for our Sister School Hakata High School students in Japan & Italian students from Milan, Italy They will come to Darwin from Friday 21st July 2017 (just before Week 1 Term 3) till Wednesday, 16th August. (Week 4, Term 3)

The requirements of a Host Family are:

- 1) Every member who is 18 years old has or can obtain an Ochre Card.
- 2) Can provide 3 meals a day. (Including weekends, however, you don't have to cook lunch on weekends as long as food is provided.)
- 3) Can give students a lift to school or they have easy access to MacKillop on public transport
- 4) Can provide a single room with a bed, and a desk.
- 5) Can provide internet access.

Host family members don't need to be able to speak the exchange students' language as they are coming to Australia to learn English. A small payment is available to support cost of food and electricity. If you're interested in or know someone interested in, please contact me ASAP.

Regards,







### **OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS**



**Jade Timmins** Outdoor Ed Coordinator

### Year 10 Stage 1 Outdoor Education Students Travelled to Hayes Creek in week 8

Last week saw the completion of the Stage 1 Outdoor Education 'Risk Management' unit.

In class, students have been building their understanding of risk; the benefits of taking risks in life; and how to manage risks in the outdoors to stay safe. They have been mountain biking and rock-climbing indoors to explore these concepts further, and last week they had the peak experience of outdoor climbing and experiencing abseiling for the first time at Hayes Creek. When climbing, students are in control of the level of challenge that they want to take on. They can choose their climbs and they choose how far they climb. This is an important learning experience, to give them the confidence to make their own decisions in risky situations

and not simply follow the crowd or compete against their peers in risky situations. Climbing outdoors last week, we saw many examples of students encouraging and supporting each other and showing personal courage and determination – all qualities that we are very proud to see in these young people. This was specifically seen on the last day when students accomplished a 60m abseil.



The year 10 rock climbing outdoor Ed camp to Hayes Creek was a great experience for all of us!

The rock climbing and abseiling was a challenge for students & teachers to overcome their fears, gain trust in themselves and each other. Throughout the camp, together as a group we got along quite well and were very encouraging towards one another, this resulted in people not giving up and participating in all activities. The views were stunning, it was perfect dry season weather and I didn't want to leave.

It's definitely a camp I would recommend to anyone who enjoys the outdoors or simply wants to try something new and is up for a bit of a challenge. We all had a fun time together - wish we were there longer!

Skye Gutte - 10.4
I believe all students walked away from this journey with a strong sense of achievement and learnt with persistence and determination new skills can be developed. I would like to thank John Kensey and Chiara Jones for coming along and helping these students achieve their full potential.



Regards,

**Outdoor Education Coordinator** 







### **OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS**

### **Litchfield Tabletop Journey**

On Wednesday 21/06/17 Stage 2 completed the full table top circuit!

Litchfield Tabletop Track is a 3 day bushwalk, completed as part of the Stage 2 Outdoor Education Course. Students hike 48km, exploring some of the more remote creeks and water holes in the region in preparation for a Self-Reliant Journey assessment later in the school year.

Students learn the following outdoor skills;

- · risk and safety management
- preparation and planning for outdoor journeys
- · use of environmentally sustainable strategies
- · leadership, self-reliance, and initiative

"The hike was challenging, but beautiful views of Litchfield were our reward. The sunsets, the accomplishment and the swimming made it all worthwhile" said Corey Bradbury.

Regards,

# Jade Timmins

**Outdoor Education Coordinator** 















### **DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS**

Congratulations Emma Forsyth (Silver), Mackayla McGowan (Bronze), Bryanna Kennedy (Bronze), Georgia Shields (Bronze) and Ashley Reidel (Bronze) on receiving your Duke of Edinburgh Awards recently!



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

### **P&F ASSOCIATION NEWS**

Dear Parents and Friends,

Happy holidays to all our families. Please stay safe and well.

#### **Quiz Night**

Exciting News! We're having an absolutely fantastic Quiz Night in October. We guarantee a fun filled night with spectacular prizes and auction items; some will take you by surprise. We're even having yummy platters your table can order. Start getting your tables of 10 ready. Lots more details to follow.

#### **Darwin Entertainment Books**

Don't forget that the books/online subscriptions are still available from Kate in the Office. What a terrific way to save money while supporting the College and enjoying special treats. The vouchers could prove useful over the holidays.

#### **Bali Entertainment Books**

Going to Bali for the Semester break? Then these books are ideal for saving you money. Actually, they're so good that they would make a terrific gift for anyone headed that way. Please contact Kate in the Office to make your \$40 investment in a terrific holiday experience.

#### **Morning Tea**

Last week we were fortunate to host Mrs Lia Finnochiaro MLA, for a morning tea. She was very impressed with the recent building works and was equally enthusiastic to hear more about the plans for our College chapel. Mrs Finnochiaro was instrumental in obtaining the flags for the Farrar Boulevarde crossing in addition to a directional sign indicating the College. We are most grateful for her efforts.

### Thank You!

The P&F Committee would like to thank our College community for their fantastic support this Semester. We really appreciate all that you do to ensure our students and staff have the resources



they need to make the College an exciting place to be.

#### **Keeping Informed – Happy Teenagers**

Included with this Newsletter is an article reproduced from The Australian Parenting Network website. It provides interesting reading concerning happy teenagers and teenage wellbeing. Happy teenagers usually equal happy parents so read on.

Enjoy the break!

Elizabeth Laughton
President, MacKillop Catholic College P&F Association

# MACKILLOP NEWS

### CHAPLAIN'S CHAT



Kathryn Pettersen College Chaplain

Congratulations for all the successes achieved in semester one. We have been speaking about our gifts and talents at assemblies, and how we can share them with those around us. Let us use the semester break as a time to action our talents, to practice them and develop them.

### **Mack Nights:**

MacK Lunchtimes have been a popular event with Uno being the game of choice. Stop by and have a game. There will be more MacK Nights next term. If you have any suggestions for themes, please let me know. I'd love to hear them!

### **Breakaway Youth Camp:**

Breakaway is a youth camp that is happening on June 30-July 2, 2017. It is open for student in yr 9 up. Check out the flyer in this weeks newsletter for more information. Please contact me if you have any questions.

I pray that you and your families have a very happy, relaxing and safe holiday.

Many blessings,

Kathryn Pettersen
College Chaplain

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Week 10 Structured Work Placement

**Year 11 Top End Camp** 

Wed 21/6/17 Monday's Timetable

**Board Meeting 6pm** 

Fri 23/6/17 Last day of Term 2 / Semester 1

**End of Term Liturgy** 

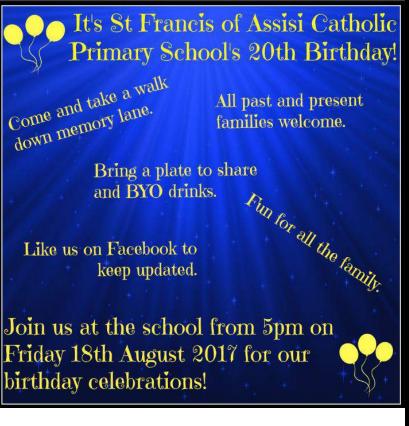
Sat 24th June - Mon 24th July - Mid-Year Break

Sat 1/7/17 Territory Day

25-27/7/17 Week 1 Term 3 - 3 Days

Fri 28/7/17 Darwin Show Public Holiday

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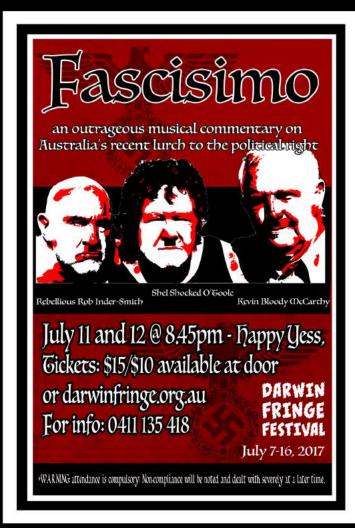
#### HOLIDAY LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAMS

2x School holiday programs will be available over June/July school holiday period. This will take the form in a one week intensive block on:

Monday 26th June - Friday 30th June and Monday 17th July - Friday 21st July

The one week intensive blocks are a fast paced learning process, 4 weeks work in one week!

Please call 8931 1000 for more information or email gfish2@bigpond.com







# **KEEP UP WITH MORE NEWS FROM MACKILLOP!**



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IN 2018, TO INCLUDE A NEW TEAM IN SOUTH PALMERSTON.

The team will be based out of MacKillop Catholic College in Johnston, the NI's only official NRL school, offering facilities to the competition including a dedicated Rugby League field, an established development programme of student pathways into the sport, and plans for a new community stadium in the near future. Interest in Rugby League in the Territory is growing exponentially, and yet it has been over 40 years since the last expansion. We believe that Palmerston and the wider Darwin region has the population, corporate support, infrastructure and love of the game to justify another NRL NI team.

Expressions of interest in membership, sponsorship, and coaching positions are being sought!

Please get in touch, show your support, and keep up with our latest news through our website and social media pages!

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Twelve students from MacKillop Catholic College have taken the challenge of participating in a World Challenge Expedition to Zambia and Botswana in November - December, 2017.

For over 30 years, World Challenge has been running leadership and personal development programs, and has consistently received positive feedback from employers and sponsors about the dedication and commitment of students who have completed it. On average, students raised over 70% of the funds towards the expedition themselves, predominately through part-time employment and

The Mackillop Catholic College community and World Challenge are, fully supportive of the first World Challenge Mackillop team and hope that you will consider supporting the students' fundraising targets of raising 50% of their individual cost of \$8,900 each. Please see the website for sponsorship packages on offer, and if you have any further arrangement suggestions or questions, please contact Miss Roxy Claire at roxy.claire@nt.catholic.edu.au or call the College during business nours on (08) 8930 5757.

World Challenge provides personal development and leadership programs which teach life skills and expand minds outside the classroom. The students at MacKillop Catholic College are just some of the thousands of other students embarking on a 12-18 month skills development

program culminating in a one-month expedition to a developing country.



We thank you kindly for your time and consideration. www.mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/world-challenge-2017







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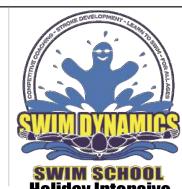
#### Racquet Restrings

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# **Holiday Intensive** Program

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#### **Palmerston Mothers and their Children**



### PLEASE COME ALONG ON

13, 20 & 27 10, 17 & 24



The Heights, Durack Community Centre



Children will have fur









# **BEACH TOUCH AT CASUARINA**

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### National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) 2016 Communiqué: Parents & Schools

The nationally consistent approach to data collection provides all Australian schools a clear picture of the number of students in schools with disability and additional support needs, as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) definition. The reasonable adjustments that are provided to students with disability and additional support needs through consultation with parents/carers, enable students to participate in education on the same basis as their peers.

The collection includes information about the type and level of support provided to students from Transition to Year 12. This collection of data aims to inform the Commonwealth Department of Education and Training about the reasonable adjustments our schools provide for students with disability and additional support needs.

The information provided to the Commonwealth Department of Education and Training does not identify the student, as the collection requires each State and Territory to send a numerical figure for all students provided with support under the DDA. Students included in the data collection do not need to have formal diagnoses of disability even if they receive additional support.

Authority for the collection of information for the purposes of the NCCD The Australian Education Regulation 2013 (the Regulation) (<a href="www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723">www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723</a>) requires all government and non-government schools to provide information to the Commonwealth Department of Education and Training for the purposes of the NCCD.

The information that is provided is set out at subsection 58A(2) of the Regulation. This includes, in relation to each student with additional support needs and disability at a school:

- the student's level of education (i.e. primary or secondary)
- the student's category of disability (i.e. physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional)
- the student's level of adjustment (i.e. support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive adjustment).

The information will not identify individual students (subsection 58A(3) of the Regulation); no information that could reasonably enable the Departments to identify individual students will be provided by schools.

NOTE: All information provided for the NCCD has the student's details, removed so that the students are unidentifiable. A student's name, date of birth, year level and address is NOT included in the data collection.

In the event that your child meets the criteria for the NCCD, we will include information about the support that they receive in the National Consistent Collection of Data 2016.

<u>Consultation</u> with parents is important and schools are responsible for making sure that the adjustments that they provide for your child are discussed with you in a timely manner.

Further information: <a href="https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/attachment\_k\_-updated">https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/attachment\_k\_-updated</a> parent-carer fact sheet.pdf