



# MACKILLOP NEWS

TERM 3 WEEK 6 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017

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

## ACHIEVING THE GOALS



Lauretta Graham  
Principal

Term Three has been extremely rewarding and absolutely packed with student achievements and activities: Interschool sport, Japanese Study Tour, MCC Feast Day, Class and School Liturgies, and numerous Excursions, and the list can go on and on.

**Congratulations to all parents and students for the immeasurable effort.**

However successful we are in the above activities these cannot be rightly celebrated if we are not mindful of the absolute importance of quality teaching and learning in our classrooms. As this term draws to a close and student achievement is being measured prior to the end of term student / teacher / parent interviews, I ask each parent to spend some time helping their son / daughter critically reflect on the effort they made in class and on the homework they completed this term.

It is essential that students realise their responsibility in the learning process. Assisting students plan for success by together negotiating and setting obtainable objectives for Term 3 is an invaluable activity. Students tend to live up to, or down to, the expectations of important people in their lives. Quality inspiration from parents is one of the most important indicators for student success. Specifically, it has been found that academically successful students demonstrate significantly higher degrees of Academic Confidence, Work Persistence, Work Organisation and Getting Along. Help your children where you can with these skills. Adding to this, research shows that parental involvement in students' learning is the vital element in their success. Please accept this as an invitation to be part of assemblies, gatherings and other school activities.

**Don't forget the student subject selection evening planned for next week:**

- Yr 11 into 12 – Monday 4th September
- Yr 10 into 11 – Wednesday 6th September
- Yr 9 into 10 – Thursday 7th September

Finally, I sincerely thank and acknowledge all the energy, time and effort made by all parents during this term. We look forward to seeing many parents next week at the Subject Selection Evenings and at the Trivia Night on Saturday 23rd September.

*Have a wonderful holiday. With every blessing,*

**Lauretta Graham**  
Principal





**NEXT COLLEGE TOUR**  
**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017, 5PM**  
**COME ALONG AND**  
**SEE WHAT WE OFFER!**  
**RSVP VANDA RANDS - 08 8930 5713**  
**CONTACT [MACKILLOPCOLLEGE@NT.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU](mailto:MACKILLOPCOLLEGE@NT.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU) TO FIND OUT MORE**

**THANK YOU STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WHO SUPPORTED OUR JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS!**



*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*



## HPE NEWS



**Roxy Claire**  
HPE Curriculum  
Coordinator

**There are many exciting things happening in the Healthy and Physical Education department lately. Here are a few updates:**

- **National HPE Day 6th September:** this week involves a variety of extra guest speakers and sporting programs to recognise and promote overall health and wellbeing. Some of these include running lunch sports of Touch, Basketball shoot out competitions, as well as inviting guest speakers from headspace, Cancer Council, and an African cultural performance.
- **Sports Uniform:** HPE staff are focusing on ensuring all students have their full sports uniform for all practical lessons, by offering consequences in the way of lunch and after school detentions for those that continue to be non-compliant. Please encourage your child to come prepared with the correct uniform, including the college hat.
- **Sports Academy:** as of 2018 we will be offering Sports Academy electives for year 7-9 which focuses on our Colleges' main sports: Rugby League and Netball. The Sports Academy program will offer clear progression through the years, include coaching and officiating courses and have strong links with the local clubs and organisations to see improved career pathways and community commitment.
- **Swimming Term 4:** we are excited to be doing swimming lessons for all year 7-9 students in HPE next term and see this as a highly valuable learning experience for all young people to have. Please refer to the attached permission form for further details and return it ASAP.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you like any further information on these items.

*Kind regards,*

**Roxy Claire**  
HPE Curriculum Coordinator

## VISUAL ARTS NEWS



**Sherri Bryers**  
Visual Arts Coordinator

**Pictured here are our Certificate 1 Visual Arts students experimenting with drawing techniques. They are working towards drawing a final piece.**



*Kind regards,*

**Sherri Bryers**  
Visual Arts Coordinator

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**Kate Brady**  
English Coordinator

## Reading Aloud as a Literacy Learning Strategy

Information from John Munro who presented his literacy framework to educators from across the diocese at the Catholic Education Office, Berrimah, on August 17th, 2017.

### Why is reading aloud important?

When you read sentences aloud, you convert words into sound knowledge, and link the separate ideas into a working relationship. Saying the ideas aloud helps you to:

- Link the ideas and new concepts in your mind
- Think about and analyse what you said and heard, using oral language knowledge
- Remember the relationship between words and sentences, and retain this knowledge in your short-term memory

### What's the difference between reading silently and reading aloud?

Reading aloud sets up an 'articulatory loop' that builds links in the reader's mind. This feedback loop (hearing what is said) builds future learning by helping readers link ideas.

### How does reading aloud help readers?

Reading aloud helps readers to:

- Build sentences in their working memory and to remember, or retain, what they've read
- Experiment with actions to achieve a goal, to think about what they've read, and to learn and practise new reading actions or strategies
- Learn and use new sentence templates

### What reading activities could you use?

There are different ways to read aloud, which all have a different purpose.

1. Interactive reading aloud to teach specific reading strategies, like decoding
2. Dramatic reading to teach intonation, pause, tonal and expression patterns
3. Scaffolded reading with a more fluent reader, paired or shared reading with a parent or peer to model reading behaviours
4. Solo reading. Reading aloud to self, or on tape, to reflect upon fluency
5. Repeated readings of the same text to teach fluency

### While reading aloud you could:

- Point to words while reading, use fingers to segment the words to guide reading
- Re-read sentences that 'didn't make sense' to improve fluency
- Self-correct errors by re-reading
- Pause to comprehend at the end of each sentence
- The reader can paraphrase, ask questions, consolidate and predict what is going to happen next
- Read at your child's pace and vary the pace to match difficulty of the material
- Experiment while reading, swap unfamiliar words with known words to build vocabulary

*Kind regards,*

*Kate Brady*

English Coordinator

## NEW FLAG





## YEAR 8 CAMP



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## YEAR 9 NEWS



Sara Rowley  
Year 9 Coordinator

Year 9 have made a strong start to Semester 2. After taking maternity leave for Semester 1 it is such a joy to return to the role as Pastoral Coordinator for Year 9 2017. I can see the growth in this group of young people and am looking forward to what the remainder of 2017 has in store for us.

Please be reminded of the following:

### Uniform

Full formal uniform must be worn to and from school Monday through Thursday. Our house uniform is to be worn Fridays. Please ensure that hair is tied up, jewellery appropriate and shoes and socks in accordance with our uniform policy. This means school socks that are folded down if needed, not short sports socks with the formal uniform.

### Mobile phones

Please support us in enforcing our policy. Mobile phones should not be used by students during the school day. If you need to contact your son or daughter during school hours please contact our office.

### Camp

Year 9 camp is coming up quickly. We embark on our journey to Katherine and Mataranka in Week 10 this term, 25th to 29th September. Please ensure that the camp information note has been read thoroughly and consent forms returned to the Home Form teacher.

Regards,

*Sara Rowley*  
Year 9 Coordinator

NOTICE  
TO ALL DADS

# FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST ON THE GO!

Dads!

Stop by the MacKillop Car Park from 7:30am this Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> of September, for a bacon and egg roll and a coffee for only \$5!

## P&F ASSOCIATION NEWS

Dear Parents and Friends,  
We're half way through Term 3 already!

### Quiz Night

Don't forget our exciting news! We're having an absolutely fantastic Quiz Night on Saturday 23 November. We guarantee a fun filled night with spectacular prizes and auction items; some will take you by surprise. We're having prize buckets so anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated in filling the buckets. Please leave any donations at the Office.

### Cameras

You will be pleased to know that we have purchased 2 cameras with SD cards for use in the Visual Arts faculty. The cameras were purchased from the funds raised at the Athletics Carnival.

### Shades

The P&F have donated a set of 4 portable shades to the College. These will be used to provide much needed relief from our ultra sunny days.

### Japan Study Tour

We are pleased to have had the opportunity to support our students visiting Japan in September. The P&F have donated the cost of the embroidery on the Tour jackets and have purchased a commemorative jumper for our Sister School, Hakata High School.



### Darwin and Bali Entertainment Books

Books and online subscriptions are still available from Kate in the Office.

Hurry! Only 2 Entertainment Books remaining.

### Earn and Learn Stickers

The College has a box up at Bakewell Woollies for you to place your completed charts or stickers in. You can even send them in to the Office if that's easier.

### Term 3 Dates

Term 3 Tuesday 25 July – Friday 29 September  
Term Break Monday 2 October – Friday 6 October

### Keeping Informed

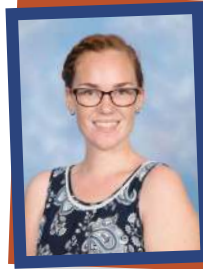
This week we've included an article on Happy Teenagers and Teenage Wellbeing. Happy reading!

*Enjoy the break!*

*Elizabeth Laughton*

President, MacKillop Catholic College P&F Association

## CHAPLAIN'S CHAT



Kathryn Pettersen  
College Chaplain

### Mack Nights:

Mack Night is a free, social afternoon for students at MacKillop. Last Friday, we had another successful Mack Night. The music department were very generous in their loaning of a few guitars for the students to Jam on. Basketball and basketball tic-tac-toe were also quite well received. The chocolate game went down a treat! It was lovely to have some of our older students attend to help build

their community service hours.

**The next MacK Night will be THURSDAY week 8 (14/9)**

We pray a special prayer this week for all the Dads, step Dads, uncles, and father figures in our community, we pray that they may continue to be blessed. We pray especially for Fr Tom, our parish priest, and ask for the intercession of Joseph, Jesus' earthly father, to help and guide all fathers on their journey.

### CALL OUT:

If you are looking to build your community service hours and have a skill in creating promo clips, please come see me!

*Many blessings,*

*Kathryn Pettersen*  
College Chaplain



## UPCOMING EVENTS

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Fri 1/9/17  | Father's Day Breakfast on the Go<br>SWIMMING CARNIVAL                                     |
| Mon 4/9/17  | Yr 11 into 12 Subject Selection Evening<br>5:30 – 7pm                                     |
| Wed 6/9/17  | Yr 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening<br>5:30 – 7pm<br>COLLEGE TOUR - 5PM - ALL WELCOME |
| Thu 7/9/17  | Yr 9 into 10 Subject Selection Evening<br>5:30 – 7pm                                      |
| Mon 11/9/17 | P&F Meeting 7pm   |
| Thu 14/9/17 | MacK Night (This is a Thursday!)  |
| Fri 15/9/17 | Immunisations   |
| Mon 18/9/17 | College Board AGM - 6pm   |





## THE SAINTS ARE BIDDING FOR EXPANSION OF THE NT NRL IN 2018, TO INCLUDE A NEW TEAM IN SOUTH PALMERSTON.

The team will be based out of Mackillop Catholic College in Johnston, the NT'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 NT 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!

WWW.MACKILLOPSAINTS.COM | F/MACKILLOPSAINTS | I/MACKILLOPSAINTS | INFO@MACKILLOPSAINTS.COM

### 6 WEEK FAMILY-FIT CHALLENGE



Palmerston Challenge kicks off 17th October  
Darwin Challenge kicks off 21st October

Register at [kidsfitaustralia.com](http://kidsfitaustralia.com)

#KIDSFITAUSTRALIA

## Get Involved



### PALMERSTON JUNIORS

On: 10th October Wednesday  
6th September 2017

9:00pm

1000 per child includes team playing kit

Beyond 1000 per child \$200

Register your team or register as an individual at

[www.toughfootball.com.au](http://www.toughfootball.com.au)

ENQUIRIES: ph 89270532  
info@toughfootball.com.au

PLAYNRL.COM



*- First Annual -*

## WHOLE-COLLEGE TRIVIA NIGHT

FUNDS RAISED WILL SUPPORT OUR NEW CHAPEL

### SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

ARRIVE AT 6:30PM FOR A 7PM START

JUST \$10 A TICKET! - CAN BE BOOKED INDIVIDUALLY OR AS A TABLE OF 6

BRING NIBBLES, OR PRE-ORDER A PLATTER FOR YOUR TABLE!

BYO ALCOHOL. NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

### BABY SITTING AVAILABLE!

PRIZE FOR BEST THEMED TABLE - AUCTION - DOOR PRIZES - TABLE QUIZZES - RAFFLES

### BOOK NOW!

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR, OR YOU CAN PRE-ORDER:  
0930 5757 OR AT THE FRONT OFFICE - YOU CAN PAY BY CREDIT CARD

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT LAURETTA.GRAHAM@NT.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU

## Father's Day Family Night

FREE



Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 6-8pm

Bring the family along for a great night of fun!

Plus more great activities in store including:

- Make a gift for dad
- D.I.Y. workshops
- Light refreshments will be provided
- Activities for the whole family
- Free gift wrapping

Yenz Face Painting,  
Darwin Jumping Castle,  
R.S.P.C.A. Animals,  
Kerry Massage,  
Amazing Balloon Artist,  
Games and give-a-ways.

Bookings recommended. For more information or to book ask one of our team in-store or visit [www.bunnings.com.au](http://www.bunnings.com.au)

**BUNNINGS**  
warehouse



## Join the NTFL Umpires for the 2017-18 NTFL Season!

- Earn \$25 - \$160 per game each weekend from Oct - Mar
- No experience necessary
- Great way to get fit and be part of a team
- Develop confidence and leadership skills
- Free coaching and mentoring
- Training Monday and Wednesday nights from 5:40pm
- Field, boundary and goal umpire positions available
- Need to be turning 13 years of age in 2017 or older



**Umpiring  
Come & Try Night**

Wed 30th August  
TIO Oval 2 at 5:40pm  
Free BBQ & Giveaways



For more information please contact Mark Noonan:  
E: [mark.noonan@afl.com.au](mailto:mark.noonan@afl.com.au) or Ph: 8980 4811

## WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Don't forget to put your earn and learn stickers in the Mackillop box if you shop at Bakewell woollies - These can win us great resources for our inclusion support department!

## KEEP UP WITH MORE NEWS FROM MACKILLOP!



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