



# Newsletter - Wednesday 12th September 2012 - Issue No 10

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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



Alezandra Stoddard once stated: *Enthusiasm is God within.* The pleasure of working in schools and in particular MacKillop Catholic College is being able, on almost a daily basis, to observe the enthusiasm and achievements of our outstanding and committed students.

## Concert Excitement

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the NT Combined Catholic School's Concert last Wednesday evening. These students did extremely well considering the short preparation time they had available to them. I was impressed by their confidence, resilience and their obvious commitment, and by the quality of their performance on the night. To put it simply – they were polished. Congratulations to the teachers who prepared them so well. We look forward to our orchestra playing at our next combined concert in two years' time!

## Building Program

2012 will go down as our Year of Building, it is a time to recognize, value, appreciate, question, debate, applaud and celebrate achievements in this field. With our largest building program now behind us we prepare for Stage 2. The final product will be absolutely excellent and will provide new opportunities for the outstanding teachers and students who work in these facilities. The building of Stage 2 will not impinge on the students' use of the campus as during Stage 1 Development. We thank Catholic Education Facilities Manager John Fong for his help and support through out this project.

## Celebrating Volunteering at MacKillop

Congratulations to our newly appointed P & F Executive and Members who supplied a wonderful "Breakfast on the Go!" last week for Father's Day. Well done and thank you for your help. Donating your time and energy to our school is always appreciated.

*Volunteering is the very action which supports and sustains civil society.*

Thank you for participating in such a wonderful and productive term so far and I send my best wishes to you for the rest of this term.

*Thank You & Blessings.*

**Lauretta Graham, Principal**

## STUDENT VACANCIES — ENROL NOW!

Enrolments are currently being taken for  
Years 7 - 9, in 2012 & Years 7—10, in 2013

**Timely Reminder:** The areas marked "DROP OFF ONLY" are for brief drop off/pick up times only. If you need to visit the College or put bags/other items into your cars, please park in the spaces provided. Thank you to those that adhere to these zones!

**Prayer Evening at MacKillop for the intentions of our College — Thursday 20/09/2012 — 7pm ALL WELCOME!!!**

**"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"**



David Graham



Dany Kelly

## Combined Catholic Schools Concert!

On the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> September a group of enthusiastic Year 7 students along with Miss Kelly, Mr Graham, Ms Doyle and Miss McCann performed at the Combined Catholic Schools Concert. The students have been rehearsing tirelessly for about a month and finally had the opportunity to showcase their talents. A huge congratulations to all students involved – they showed confidence and enthusiasm even after coming back from camp! Feedback from those that attended the concert has been great and we are so proud to have such a

well mannered and well presented group of young performers. Fantastic job! Please congratulate these wonderful young people. Thank you for your support.

David Graham—Music Coordinator



**Parent, Teacher  
and Student  
Conferences:  
Tuesday  
25th September  
3:30pm to 6:30pm  
Come meet your  
son / daughter's  
teachers**



Laretta Graham  
Principal

### Official College Telephone Numbers:

The following are the official College numbers:

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## Teaching & Learning at MacKillop

The Middle Years at MacKillop comprises students from years 7 to 9. Senior Years education starting with year 10 will be offered in 2013 and be extended to Year 12, in 2015.

**Middle Years Curriculum**—All students in Middle Years will study the following key learning areas as set down by the Australian Curriculum within a CORE learning framework. We believe that a CORE learning framework approach to curriculum:

- Makes links to real and meaningful learning and enables students to

gain a greater sense of purpose in their day to day experiences;

- Allows for “big” picture understandings through a carefully sequenced plan;
- Offers students opportunities to gather information and process and apply understandings through a multiplicity of ways that cater for individual differences;
- Enables students to progress at their own rate, by providing flexibility within the curriculum;
- Will build on prior learning and experiences and incorporate sequential development of skills;

- Includes a range of purposeful contexts, resources and links between school, home and the wider community;
- Continues the focus on numeracy and literacy throughout Years 8 & 9; and,
- Uses multimedia technologies, literacy and numeracy in meaningful contexts.

Our approach is consistent with the recent reforms in education which are designed to help students achieve their best during early adolescence. May God bless you and your families.

Regards  
Laretta Graham





## Religious Education from Mrs. Marie Butt APRE

This month we are conducting a TINNIES FOR VINNIES drive at the College.

I would ask that students and parents donate NON PERISHABLE foodstuffs to assist the work of ST Vincent De Paul in feeding those who are struggling in our community.

Each morning in Morning Roll students can bring their cans/ packets to the Chapel to build a pyramid of cans. Let us see if we can reach the ceiling!

Thank you for your support.

### Mother Teresa

This week we remember the life and work of Mother Teresa who

devoted herself to the poor, sick and homeless in Calcutta.

**The verses below reportedly were written on the wall of Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta, India, and are widely attributed to her.**

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centred. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway. If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway. What you

spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway. Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway. In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

Regards  
Mrs Butt



### Sunday Mass Times for:

**Our Lady Help of  
Christians Palmerston -**

Sat 6pm; Sun 8:30pm &  
6pm. **St Francis of Assisi**  
- Sun 9:30am & 6:00pm

### CLASS MASSES

Class masses are scheduled each Monday morning at 9.30am. Father Tom will be saying mass for each class. Below are the times for the remainder of this Term::

**Week 9:** Monday 17th  
September—Home forms  
8.1 and 8.2

**Week 10:** Monday 24th  
September—Home form  
9.1

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Palmerston

Sessions Sunday 26th August—7th October 2012

with Parish Priest, Father Tom English

5.00pm in the Presbytery, 34 Emery Avenue, Woodroffe, before 6.00pm Mass

**Confirmation Mass Celebrated - By Bishop Eugene Hurley**

Saturday evening 13th October 1t 6.00pm

Candidates can be Year 6 or older. Enquiries to Father Tom English on 89323922 or MacKillop Catholic College on 89305757 or Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School on 89322888

### Confirmation 2012 St Francis of Assisi Parish



Last Sunday the following students participated in the Confirmation Sacrament at Humpty Doo:

**Johnny Nguyen  
Khan Nguyen  
Tommy Vu**



**CONGRATULATIONS**

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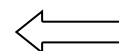
## Sports News from the Co-ordinator Mr Lines

We're off to St John's Catholic College on Friday with a NEW FOCUS and DYNAMIC TEAM! This is a re-match of an earlier game as we build towards our tour of Katherine and surrounds later in the year!



Watch the moves!

Waireg Kawiri in action!



## MESSAGE FROM SENATOR TRISH CROSSIN

Parents might have heard the Federal Government recently commissioned the first comprehensive review into our school system in 40 years. This review told us that on school education, Australia is falling behind our neighbouring countries.

The Federal Government this week responded to review recommendations. Importantly, funding for every local school – Government, Catholic and independent – will continue to rise under our plan.

Despite reports, parents and teachers should rest assured your school will continue to be fully supported.

There will be higher standards for teachers, with at least one term's classroom experience before graduation and annual performance reviews. Teachers will also get more training to deal with disruptive behaviours and bullying. Schools will have to develop a plan to prevent

bullying, in conjunction with the school community.

These changes are to make sure that Australia gets ahead of the game so our kids can get the high-skilled, high-wage jobs of the future.

If you'd like to find out more, or give me feedback on our education plan, please call me on 8931 0830 or email me at [contact.crossin@aph.gov.au](mailto:contact.crossin@aph.gov.au)

*Review states Australia is falling behind our neighbouring countries!*

## Drama/Music Excursion by Miss Kelly

On the 21<sup>st</sup> August students that take part in Music and looking to enrol in Drama next semester saw a performance. The performance was by the S.I.K Style Impressions Krew who are originally Darwin based. This truly enjoyable performance was apart of the Darwin Festival and the Krew said that they were excited to be back in their hometown were their love of dance/performing originated

10 years ago. This excursion was a valuable experience for the performing arts students. It highlighted not only the value of creative art in society but creative performance art that is homegrown from Darwin. The students were accompanied by Mr Graham (Music) and Miss Kelly (Drama). Thank you to all who attended and looking forward to seeing your smiling faces in Drama next Term!



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## College Newsletter Advertising Rates

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Full page	\$150	Page
Half page	\$75	1/2 page
1/4 page	\$40	1/4 page
Business card	\$15	Business card

*All prices include GST*

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For all your Party needs! Come & see us ! Shop 2 446 Stuart Hwy Winnellie or phone 899471722

## Tuckshop Corner

### Position Vacant

MacKillop Catholic College Tuckshop requires a "Tuckshop Assistant" For 3 hours per day! 10.45am-1.45pm

Applicants must have:

- A current ochre card;
- Food handling skills;
- A first aid certificate would be an advantage
- A resume & 3 referees

Applications close 17th September 2012  
Apply in writing to the Principal, Mrs Lauretta Graham

### Parents and Friends Association

Many thanks to all those volunteers, adults and students, who assisted in so many ways to make the *Breakfast on the Go (our first official P&F function) a success! As importantly, our thanks to all those who turned up and purchased items on the morning! We made a profit form the day, not only financially*

*but in the bonding process of being a group and community!*

*Like all new committees, we will take a little time to smooth out the process but we will achieve bigger and better things!*

*We will seek new members and supporters, raise new challenges and new goals and gain new*

*friendships.*

*And we will do this for the benefit of our children - the students of the College.*

*We hope you will be active part of that community.*

Dennis Matthews  
President P&F

## Calendar of Coming Events

### September

14th Sept: Rugby match at St John's  
17th Sept: College Board Mtg  
20th Sept Prayer at MCC  
25th Sept: Parent/Teacher/Conferences 3.30-7.30pm  
26th Sept: Music Electives Evening & BBQ Tea 6pm  
28th Sept **LAST DAY OF TERM 3!**

### October

8th Oct: **1ST DAY OF TERM 4!**  
8th Oct: P&F Meeting 7pm  
11th Oct: Sacrament Confirmation Retreat—5pm  
13th Oct: Sacrament of Confirmation  
Week 5: Date Claimer  
**Working Bee REMINDER!**  
Sunday 19th October 2012

### November

7th Nov: End of year Music Concert & BBQ tea 6pm

### December

Fri 7th Dec: Carols and Christmas Fair  
  
Fri 14th Dec: **Last School Day of Year**



## College Camps 2012

Last week students from the College attended Camp at ADVENTURE BOUND, Base Camp Wallaroo, on the Arnhem Highway. The students challenged themselves through participation in activities such as a High Ropes Course, Rock Climbing, Team games, Bike riding, Orienteering and Bush Walking, and the Flying Fox. Students and teachers camped in tents at the Base Camp and for the Year 8 and 9 groups

who camped at Mount Sunup Overnight they enjoyed the experience of sleeping under the stars on a camp stretcher complete with mosquito net. The Year 8 and 9 groups worked well together planning, carrying and cooking their own food for this overnight camp. The students showed courage, determination, collegiality and good humour throughout the week but most importantly they



What I liked most about camp was being with friends and seeing what it would be like to live with them!  
*Clarissa Kennedy-Scott*



Just hanging!

What did you learn about your friends on camp?  
They DON'T SLEEP! *Bailee Lavens*

To never give up on a team and you can get anywhere with a team.  
*Lachlan Burt*



## More Camping Fun!



The scariest thing?

When I was climbing the rock to go the flying fox and getting lost in bush walking!

*Melanie Tomiano*



The camping was fun and challenging, everyone was exhausted after a long fun 3 days!

*Grace Mayfield*



The funniest thing?

Watching Geelong vs. Port Power at Skilled Stadium! *Shane McKenzie*



## Prayers for our College in our Chapel

### College Prayer

For those who may not know our College has a small Chapel on the first floor at the top of the main stairs.

The Chapel provides a quiet place for reflection and prayer and is open whenever staff are on site.

Parents and community members are welcome to join us there at any time.



**Please join us for prayer for the intentions of our developing College on: Thurs 20th sept at: 7pm. Presider: Fr Tom**

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