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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

Some time ago reporters were interviewing Boris Yeltsin, asking him what gave him the courage to stand firm during the fall of communism in the former USSR. His answer credited the electrician from Poland, Lech Walesa, who started the collapse of communism there.

In the same way, when Walesa was asked who or what inspired him, he responded by attributing his courage to the civil rights movement in the United States led by Martin Luther King.

When Martin Luther King was interviewed and asked what or who inspired him, he said it was the courage of one woman, Rosa Parks, who in the days of segregation in America, refused to move to the back of the bus. She sat down to stand up for her rights and the rights of many other Americans.

Is it too much of a connection to say she influenced the fall of communism?

At our assembly on Friday, students were reminded of the Parable of the Sower and that we too are like seeds and we have everything we need to respond and to make a difference. You see, seeds are like that. What is important are the little things we do each day, the people we influence, and the lives we eventually change.

Bishop Eugene, at the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday night, spoke of wisdom and courage as two important gifts from the Holy Spirit. He said that it was great to have wisdom but without courage we fail to see those good ideas through. We have as our motto: Lead with Courage! Together as a community let us all put this into practice.

Congratulations to all who received the sacrament of Confirmation last week.

Thank you & Blessings.

Lauretta Graham, Principal

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope...Romans 15:13



**One person can change the world! Rosa Parks 1913-2005**

Siobhan Monaghan-Spooner; Melanie Tamiano; Niamh Monaghan-Spooner; Jesse Joseph-Covacin and Kayla Mullins with Bishop Eugene Hurley at the Sacrament of Confirmation last week!



**"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"**

## Teaching & Learning at MacKillop



**Laurretta Graham**  
Principal

### UNIFORMS

It is important that we maintain a good standard of dress throughout the College. Parents please take time to check your son/daughter's uniform and general appearance to ensure that our standards are being met. At MacKillop Catholic College, the staff, with the backing of the Parents & Friends Association and the College Board insists that uniforms are worn neatly and correctly. It is through wearing our uniform correctly and neatly that a student demonstrates pride in themselves and pride in their College. Please check that: all items abide by our uniform policy; buttons are not missing; shoes are completely black; correct socks are worn; students come to school with their regulation school hat; and uniforms are clean and ironed. Parents will be contacted in situations where students are dressed incorrectly. Certainly we would prefer not to have to do this. Time is better spent on teaching and learning.

When students consistently attend in correct uniform this creates the situation where each

day begins on a positive note and time is not wasted talking about things that everyone understands to be regulations. On interview for acceptance into the College it was clearly pointed out that the College has a strict uniform policy. I ask that all members of our community stand by their agreement and help build a strong positive reputation in the wider community.

Finally, thank you to all those parents who have kindly given up their time to sell uniforms this year. Please contact Kate Middleton if you can help sell uniforms at the Orientation Evening for all Year 6 into 7 parents and students and at the beginning of 2013. Once again thank you for your tremendous help.

**Kindest Regards**  
**Laurretta Graham**  
Principal

## Breakfast Club!

**Would you like to be able to come and use the gym before school? The **BREAKFAST CLUB** is now here! So come along and get fit and healthy!**

**When:** Tuesday mornings 7.00-8.00am

**Where:** MacKillop Catholic College Gym

**What:** Gym and Yoga

**Who:** MacKillop Catholic College students and teachers

**Why:** for a healthy start going into the wet season!

**Cost:** \$5 per session and this includes breakfast!! Please bring the \$5 cash every session.

Hope to see you bright and early Tuesday morning!

**Miss Kelly**





## Religious Education from Mrs. Marie Butt APRE

### Sunday Mass Times for:

**Our Lady Help of  
Christians Palm-  
erston -**

Sat 6pm; Sun 8:30pm  
& 6pm.

**St Francis of Assisi**  
— Sun 9:30am &  
6:00pm

**St Barbara's**  
**Batchelor - Every**  
2nd Sunday 8:00am



### SAVE THE DATE: REMEMBRANCE DAY

Please keep Friday 9<sup>th</sup>  
November free.

Join us at the College  
at 10.30am for our  
**REMEMBRANCE  
SERVICE**

### CATHOLIC MISSIONS

Thank you for sharing faith  
and practical care in a way  
that does far more than you  
and I often imagine!

A young Indian country girl,  
Kamala\*, emerges from her  
train into the largest building  
she has ever seen, the rail-  
way station at Chennai  
(Madras) in India. She is  
there to find a job, but men  
are waiting to coerce her  
into a job where she will sell  
her body as a prostitute or  
be enslaved as a domestic  
servant unable to escape.  
Instead Sister Clara and the  
Sisters from Marialaya, a  
program supported by  
Catholic Mission, see Ka-  
mala first and invite her to  
live with them in safety.  
They then give Kamala a  
place to live for a year, feed  
her and train her in com-  
puters.

The cost for all this, a safe  
new life for Kamala? A  
whole year of care and train-  
ing? One hundred dollars!  
That is all.

How is that possible? Why is  
Catholic Mission able to do  
more with your donation  
than other charities?

Because the Sisters and so  
many Church workers in  
mission countries are volun-  
teers or just work for their  
food and shelter. Catholic  
Mission uses the existing  
church personnel in India to  
distribute your donation at  
no cost. In supporting the  
Church you are supporting  
an organization with hun-  
dreds or thousands of pa-  
rishioners, like you, reaching  
out to people in need in their  
local community.

In both its mission formation  
in Australia and its support  
of mission overseas, Catho-  
lic Mission continues the  
mission of Jesus Christ by:

1. Sharing the Good  
News of Jesus, and
2. Caring for people in  
need and working for  
justice and creation.  
Word and Deed, Faith and  
Life, Contemplation and  
Action...most importantly,  
Jesus' command is to Love  
God and Love your  
Neighbour. Mission must  
include accepting the love  
of God into our own lives  
and showing that same love  
to other people, in our local  
community or throughout  
the World.

*(an excerpt from the National  
Director's Report, Catholic Mis-  
sions)*

### Class Masses

Class Masses are continu-  
ing in Term 4 with Father  
Tom.

Class Masses are sched-  
uled for 9.30am each Mon-  
day.

Parents are most welcome  
to join us at these times.

### **TERM 4**

#### **Week 3: Year 7.1**

October is Catholic Mission  
Month

### **CHILDREN'S MISSION DAY** is 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Next week (Week 3) all classes  
will be conducting fundraising  
events to raise money to support  
the work of Catholic Missions  
throughout the world.

These activities while fun are an  
important lesson in social justice.  
Students not only come to ap-  
preciate the privileged life they  
live in Australia but understand  
the hardships suffered by mil-  
lions of people throughout the  
world.

Some facts about Catholic Mis-  
sions Australia:

- Catholic Missions Austra-  
lia work in over 29 countries  
throughout the world
- Catholic Missions also

work within Australia support-  
ing those in need

- Human Rights is a pri-  
ority of Catholic Mission
- Catholic Missions are  
involved in working with  
Communities to better their  
situation
- Child welfare and edu-  
cation is also a priority of  
Catholic Mission
- In 2011 Catholic Mis-  
sion in Australia supported the  
work of the Church in 195  
Diocese in 38 countries and is  
currently working closely  
with Churches in the Democ-  
ratic Republic of the Congo,  
Papua New Guinea, Timor-  
Leste, Vietnam and Zambia.

### Confirmation

**Congratulations** to Sio-  
bhan Monaghan-Sponer,  
Niamh Monaghan-  
Spooner, Kayla Mullins,  
Jess Joseph-Covacin and  
Melanie Tamiano who all  
received the **SACRA-  
MENT OF CONFIRMA-  
TION** on Saturday 13th  
October.





Sign a new building contract with Hotondo Homes Darwin to the value of \$600,000.00 including land before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012, apply for \$10,000.00 build bonus to help you build your dream home



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# Congratulations!

We can now spend our Earn & Learn Points on valuable learning resources! After submitting our sticker cards we have a total of 6230 points available! Well done !



**Earn & Learn 2012 has now closed**  
Login to complete your Return Information Form now.

Woolworths **earn & learn**

## Have you paid your School Fees?

Thank you to those families who, even in difficult times, make payment of fees a priority within their family budget. All families who owe fees are urged to make payment on their account this week please. If there is a valid reason for non-payment, you are requested to contact the office on 89305757 to make an appointment to discuss your situation with the Principal and make the necessary arrangements so student reports can be sent at the end of the year. It is our policy to retain student reports if arrangements have not been made..



Fees can be paid by credit card over the phone.

If you are paying fees directly into our account the details are:

Commonwealth Bank Australia: BSB 065901;  
Account number: 10875927;  
Account name: MacKillop Catholic College;  
Ref: Fees (name of student)

Thank you!

## Electives - Co-ordinator Mr Paul Dimmick

Elective classes on Line 6 and Line 7 have started for Term 4. Students are in the midst of developing their skills in a range of disciplines across the college. Thank you to the students and parents who returned the purple and green elective selection forms by the due date. As a result most students were all allocated classes that were in their top 2 choices.

While every effort was made to put students in their top choice classes, due to the popularity of some courses, it was necessary for some students to be allocated to classes not on their selection list. Please check with your son or daughter which electives they have been allocated.

As each elective attracts a different cost, individuals will be billed separately from regular school fees.



| Course       | Cost                     | Course            | Cost |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------|
| Indonesian 2 | \$5                      | Music Performance | Nil  |
| Fitness      | \$60                     | Timber Technology | \$20 |
| Music Theory | \$20                     | Festive Food      | \$40 |
| Drama        | Cost of Excursion<br>TBA | Film Music        | Nil  |
| Textiles     | \$20                     | In the Lime Light | \$10 |
| Indonesian 1 | \$5                      |                   |      |

## Calendar of Coming Events

### October

Week 5: Date Claimer  
**Working Bee REMINDER!**  
 Week 5: **BookFair**  
 Sunday 19th October 2012  
 23rd Oct: Cathedral Excursion  
 Year 7 classes  
 24th Rugby Gala - 8.30am-10.30am  
 26th Oct: Year 7 Cathedral Mass  
 31st Oct; All Saints Feast Day

### November

7th Nov: End of year Music Concert & BBQ tea 6pm  
 12th Nov: P&F Meeting  
 13th Nov: Lunch with the College Captains  
 19th Nov: Board Meeting  
 20th Nov: Year 7 2013 Orientation Day  
 21st: Information Night for Year 6 into 7

### December

Fri 7th Dec: Carols and Christmas Fair  
  
**11th Dec: Last School Day of Year - Last Day Liturgy 9.00am.**  
**Students leave 12 noon**

### Term Dates 2013

31st January 2013—Students (Urban) In Class  
 29th March - 1st April - Easter Public Holidays  
 2nd April - 5th April - Students In Class  
 8th April - 12th April - Term Break  
 15th April - 21st June - Term 2  
 24th June - 19th July - Semester Break  
 22nd July - 27th September - Term 3  
 30th September - 4th October - Term Break  
 7th October - 12th December - Student's last day





## MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE

### 2012 NAPLAN TEST RESULTS

|                                |   | YEAR 7 | YEAR 9 |
|--------------------------------|---|--------|--------|
| <b>READING</b>                 | Average Score for MacKillop Catholic College  | 540    | 576    |
|                                | Average Score for Northern Territory          | 483    | 529    |
|                                | Average Score for Australia                   | 546    | 579    |
|                                | % students at or above the National Benchmark | 98%    | 92%    |
| <b>WRITING</b>                 | Average Score for MacKillop Catholic College  | 528    | 567    |
|                                | Average Score for Northern Territory          | 450    | 488    |
|                                | Average Score for Australia                   | 522    | 561    |
|                                | % students at or above the National Benchmark | 94%    | 100%   |
| <b>SPELLING</b>                | Average Score for MacKillop Catholic College  | 531    | 559    |
|                                | Average Score for Northern Territory          | 489    | 528    |
|                                | Average Score for Australia                   | 545    | 578    |
|                                | % students at or above the National Benchmark | 94%    | 92%    |
| <b>GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION</b> | Average Score for MacKillop Catholic College  | 530    | 581    |
|                                | Average Score for Northern Territory          | 482    | 523    |
|                                | Average Score for Australia                   | 550    | 576    |
|                                | % students at or above the National Benchmark | 96%    | 100%   |
| <b>NUMERACY</b>                | Average Score for MacKillop Catholic College  | 512    | 566    |
|                                | Average Score for Northern Territory          | 484    | 543    |
|                                | Average Score for Australia                   | 542    | 586    |
|                                | % students at or above the National Benchmark | 94%    | 92%    |

## 2012 NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

### LITERACY AND NUMERACY

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment of all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. At MacKillop Catholic College all students were expected to participate in the testing. They will be assessed in language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), writing, reading and numeracy.

Your child's NAPLAN report has been issued through our school last week. The report was accompanied by an information brochure. All students' individual results are strictly confidential. If you have not received your child's report, please contact the school.

The above table outlines our College results. For further information please contact the Principal.

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# Congratulations!

## Re: NAPLAN - National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy National Assessment

The Naplan Testing Program provides information on student performance in some aspects of literacy and numeracy in Standard Australian English.

As a group, MacKillop Catholic College students performed well in the 2012 testing program, bettering the Northern Territory average in all areas tested and bettering the National average in some areas.

Individually, a significant number of our students achieved outstanding results in various sections of the testing program, among the Territory's top students. The best of the best, particularly to be commended, are the following students who achieved "top band or above" scores at MacKillop include:

| Reading             | Persuasive Writing | Language Conventions   | Numeracy       |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Nicholas Walkington | Ella Mahomet       | Ella Mahomet           | Liam Mulvahil  |
| Bailee Lavens       | Sarah Spence       | Niamh Monaghan-Spooner | Ella Mahomet   |
| Ella Mahomet        | Catherine Keys     | Bailee Lavens          | Kayla Mullins  |
| Christopher Brennan | Robert Bull        | Christopher Brennan    | Cole Stringer  |
|                     | Kayla Mullins      | Laura Goodrem          | Sarah Spence   |
|                     |                    | Alannah Hogan          | Erin Lidbetter |
|                     |                    |                        | Aiden Cross    |