



# Newsletter - Thursday 1st November 2012 - Issue No 13

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**"Never see a need without  
trying  
to do something about it"**

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## VISION FOR OUR COMMUNITY

"Then, in my dreams of the Last Day, Our Lord will come back and reward us for having, by his grace, straightened the world out, and having the poor competent and the rich thoughtful and the well-protected kindly and generous and involved, and the educated enthralled with the kingdom of God, and the spiritual able to perceive him in such a way as to make him visible to us."

These are the words of a Jesuit priest who died in a very poor, black area of Washington DC, where he gained a wonderful reputation for creating shelters for the homeless, providing meals and medical, dental and legal help. Among his papers after his death at age 80 was found this note which he had written to himself. It sums up well our hopes for all students being informed, being involved and making a difference.



Dear Members of MacKillop College Community,

**WORLD TEACHERS' DAY** was inaugurated on 5th October 1994, by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to commemorate the 1966 joint signing of the UNESCO/ILO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. In adopting this recommendation, governments unanimously recognised the importance of competent, qualified and motivated teachers in society. Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers' Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community. We thank our teachers for their unmistakable passion, commitment and professionalism. Their contribution to the students in our College, and the whole community, is immeasurable and indispensable.

This year we celebrated World Teachers' Day on Friday 26th October. Sometimes, perhaps generally, teachers are undervalued. Before the end of this week, take a moment to thank your son/daughter's teachers if you have not already done so. Thank you to our College Board for the wonderful morning tea.



### IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE (By an anonymous poet)

As the old man walked the beach at dawn he noticed a young man ahead of him picking up starfish and flinging them to sea. Catching up with the youth he asked him "Why was he doing this?"

The answer was that the stranded starfish would die if left until the morning sun.

"But the beach goes on for miles and there are millions of starfish" countered the other.

"How can your effort make any difference?" The young man looked at the starfish in his hand and threw it to the safety of the waves. "It makes a difference to this one", he said.

May God continue to bless our families and MacKillop Catholic College.

Thank you & Blessings, **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"**

## Community Spirit at MacKillop



**Laretta Graham**  
Principal



**Mrs Gez Mulvahl**  
Chairperson  
College Board

### *By the Board!*

School Boards play a vital role in building and maintaining school communities and strong communities are essential to a school meeting the needs of students, parents, teachers and other stakeholders.

To build a healthy community we need to: practise ongoing dialogue; generate leadership; shape our future; embrace diversity; know ourselves; connect with people and resources; and work constantly towards building community.

In recent research, Peter Kenyon outlines seven key communities that have a major impact on schools - they are: the family/parents; local geographic area; service and professional bodies; the local parish; students; and, former student communities.

Towards the end of the year our appointed Interim College Board will be dissolved and an elected College Board will be commissioned. This presents a wonderful opportunity to be involved in a new and exciting way.

*Join our  
College Board!*

Contact

Laretta Graham

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### *Reaching out!!*

The 1st Palmerston Scouts have taken up residency at MacKillop Catholic College!

This is a partnership which puts MacKillop Catholic College in contact with the local Community and speaks to our Vision Statement.

As a school community our partnership with the Scouts connects us to the RSL, Heritage Land and the neighbouring Sacred Site. Through this partnership young people will respect nature and care for the environment. With the help of the National Australia Bank the partnership has stepped out on a strong footing.

Attached to this newsletter is an invitation to everyone to attend a Wine and Cheese Evening on the 28th November 2012, we are holding, with the 1st Palmerston Scouts, to celebrate this partnership and to acknowledge the assistance of the National Australia Bank. You are welcome to come along and help us celebrate!

**Kindest Regards**  
**Laretta Graham**  
Principal

## 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!

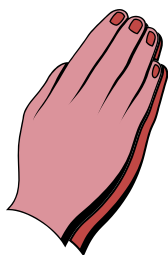




## Religious Education from Mrs. Marie Butt APRE

### All Saints Day THURS 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER

All Saints Day, the day on which Catholics celebrate all the saints, known and unknown, is a surprisingly old feast. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When mar-



tyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honored. Our College will celebrate a special Mass for ALL SAINTS' DAY on Thursday morning at 8.30am. Parents and friends of the College are welcome.

### All Souls Day FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Often overshadowed by the two days preceding it, Halloween (October 31) and All Saints Day (November 1), All Souls' Day is traditionally a time for the Christian community to remember deceased family members and friends. All Souls' Day was first instituted at the monastery in Cluny in 993 CE and quickly spread throughout the Christian world. People held festivals for the dead long before Christianity. It was Saint Odilo, the Abbot of Cluny in France, who in the 10th century, proposed that the day after All Saints' Day be set aside to honour the departed.

Class Masses are scheduled for 9.30am each Monday. Parents are most welcome to join us at these times.

### Class Masses

Week 5: Year 7.3  
Week 6: Year 8.1  
Week 7: Year 8.2  
Week 8: Year 9.1

### SAVE THE DATE: REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
free. Join us at the  
College at 10.30am

### 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

St Barbara's Batchelor  
- Every 2nd Sunday

**TERM 4**

## From small things.....big things grow!

MacKillop Catholic College received a small Enterprise Grant to establish a KITCHEN GARDEN. The aim of the garden is to provide a learning environment which is stimulating and where students can learn essential life skills. The garden project links to the learning areas of Science, Environment, Food Technology and Enterprise. As the garden



grows and becomes productive the produce will be used in Food Technology lessons. The garden will also provide students with a business opportunity to value add and sell items made from this produce.

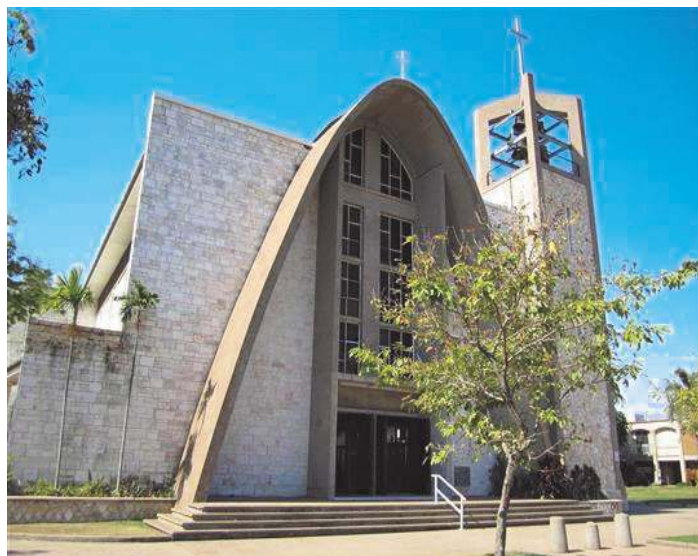
The garden is now "under construction" thanks to the efforts of a small band of parents and students who attended our last working bee. We still have quite a bit of work to do to complete the garden by our deadline of mid November. At present classes are working on the garden on Mondays at 9.30am and on Fridays at 2.30pm. If there are any parents who are able to assist at these times it would be appreciated. If you are able to help at these times (or a time convenient to you) please contact Marie Butt via email [marie.butt@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:marie.butt@nt.catholic.edu.au).



## YEAR 7 EXCURSION

### SAINT MARY'S STAR OF THE SEA CATHEDRAL

The Year 7 Religious Education classes visited Saint Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October as part of their studies of the Darwin Diocese and the History of the Catholic Church in NT. Father John Kelliher kindly escorted the students around the Cathedral while they completed their workbooks. Mr. Graham led the students in singing for the 12 noon Mass. The students learnt a great deal about the Cathedral and its history and the early leaders of our Church in Darwin.



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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### A New Website

Student wellbeing resources for schools and parents!

[Kidsmatter.edu.au](http://Kidsmatter.edu.au) has been launched to help families support children's mental health and well-being. It has been designed with a specific section for families. Free information sheets on over 40 topics including: fears & worries; dealing with anger; making friends; starting school!

Check it out on [www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary) or contact KidsMatter NT Team on 89449323!

## Tuckshop Corner

Your patience **WILL** be rewarded! The Tuckshop is "under new Management!". Therefore prices and menu are currently being revised!

Watch this space for our exciting changes and yummy menu!

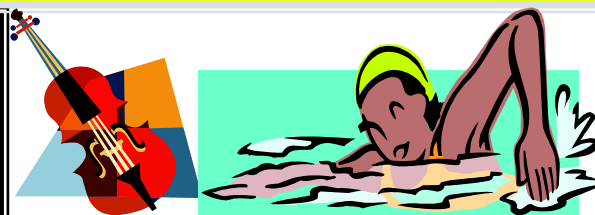
**Nareena Tate**  
Canteen Co-ordinator



## Calendar of Coming Events

### TERM 4 DATES

All Saints' Day	1st November 2012
All Souls' Day	2nd November 2012
PARCS Swimming Carnival	4th November 2012
Remembrance Day Service	9th November 2012
Grand Assembly 9.00am	16th November 2012
Year 6 7 Orientation Day	20th November 2012
Year 6 7 Information Evening	21st November 2012
Music Night 6.30pm	22nd November 2012
Defence Force students' Christmas Break-up	30th November 2012
Young Musician of the Year	6th December 2012
Carols and Christmas Fair	7th December 2012
End of Year Liturgy 9.00am	11th December
Last Day of Term 12 noon	11th December



### 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



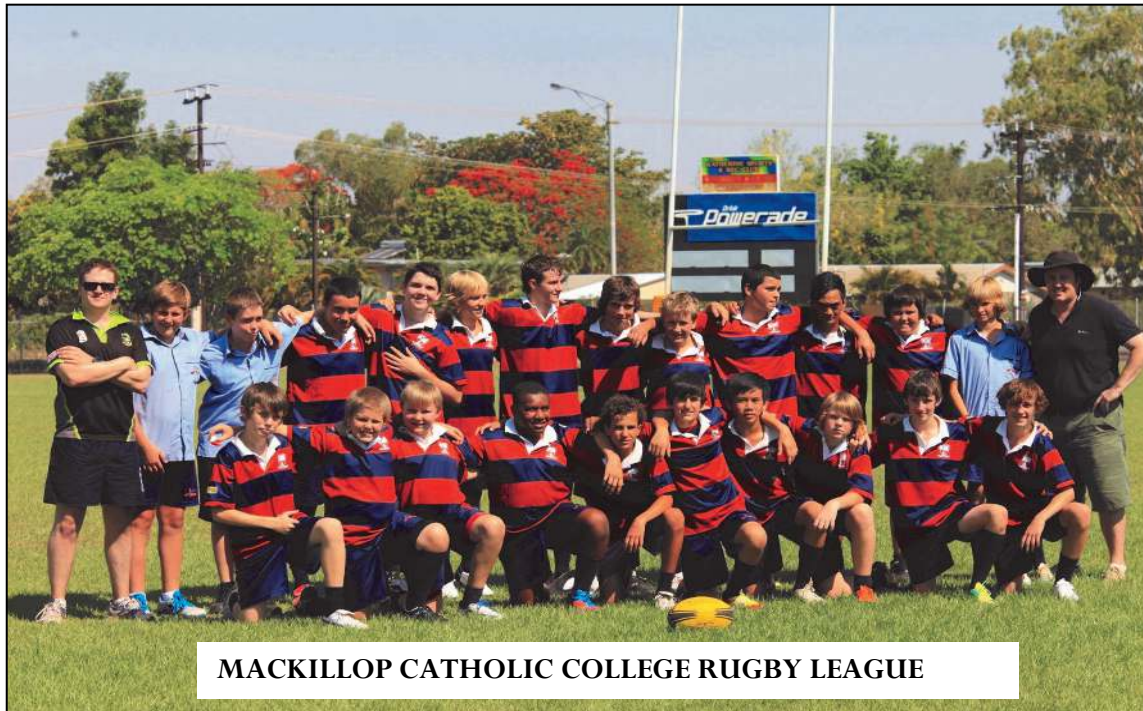


# Rugby League News

Term 4 has been a busy term for our newly formed rugby league team, with many exciting events and developments. Highlights for Term 4 so far have been the trek south to Katherine to take on St Joseph's and Katherine High in the inaugural three school competition and the Rugby League 7's Under 15 Gala Day. Also I am pleased to announce the introduction of our Rugby League elective.

While our successes on the score board in Katherine were minimal, we were up against some of the territory's best footballers and it was exciting to see our team beginning to truly gell as a playing unit. This cohesion carried through to the under 15 gala day where our boys came close to registering their first win and coming a respectable 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in the overall points. I am confident with the new rugby league training elective our young men can now move forward in leaps and bounds to secure our spot amongst the other schools as a force to be reckoned with.

Special congratulations go to Joel Robinson and Ryan Thomas for their Man of the Match performances in Katherine.



**MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE RUGBY LEAGUE**

## “Sports is more than just Competition”

At MacKillop Catholic College we strive not only for academic excellence, but also to become a sporting powerhouse in our community. At MacKillop we offer a program that is founded on inclusivity with the aim of promoting a fun, team based, safe activity for our young men to engage in. We aim to empower our men with self-discipline, self-management, and courage. Our rugby league team promotes the growth of fine young men, who, with our strong Catholic vision are confident, courageous and well-mannered sportsmen with a mutual respect and care for each other and their opponents. We are always welcoming new members of our team, come get involved! Please forward all enquiries: [david.graham@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:david.graham@nt.catholic.edu.au)  
[Kieran.lines@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Kieran.lines@nt.catholic.edu.au)

Nicholas Walkington with his rendition of the “lightening Bolte”! after a hard practise session with his teammates.



# BOOK Fair!

## COMING TO MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE!

ALL WELCOME!

**When:** Monday 5th November 2012 to Friday 9th November 2012

**Times:** Monday - Wednesday  
8am-6pm

Thursday

3pm-5pm

Friday

3pm-4pm

**Where:** College Library

