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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,

Recently, we celebrated the Melbourne Cup and Remembrance Day. On both these days we have rituals that help us enter into the meaning of these events. Having recently visited Melbourne I can say that the Melbourne Cup is more than a horse race. It is one of the times that the serious city of Melbourne breaks out into exhilarating frivolity. Last week we honoured our war dead with the solemn ritual of a minute's silence. Only silence can hold together honour for the dead and the conviction that we must work for peace in their name.

Rituals are very important in helping us express and understand the movements of our heart. Our heads want stimulation but our hearts grow deeper through repetition. Routine signs of love can actually deepen our relationships if we do them attentively. As something is done over and over, the memory adds layer upon layer of significance. Our children delight in family rituals as they tell them who they are as a family. Many of your children will now be looking towards the things "we" do at Christmas.

For Catholics, ritual prayer is very important. God is so great and mysterious that we can only go deeper into our hearts little by little. Regular prayer helps us in our relationship with God. Ritual prayers, like night prayer, with your children are a wonderful way for you to help them grow in God's love. Ritual prayer in our schools is central to our Catholic identity. But the greatest ritual of all is the Eucharist – the outstanding prayer where Jesus is present in our midst.

Congratulations to Mrs Butt and our wonderful students on such a wonderful Remembrance Day Service. Once again our gatherings made us all proud to be part of this wonderful College

May the peace of Christ be with your families.

Thank you & Blessings,

Lauretta Graham - Principal

Take heart! Hope in God.

"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"



Laurretta Graham
Principal

Last week Lance Johnson President of 1st Palmerston Scout Group and College Board Member travelled with me to receive, on behalf of the College and Scouts, the NAB Schools' First Grant at the National Gala Celebration in Melbourne. The National event featured a School-Community Partnership Conference and a Cocktail event in the evening to announce the 2012 National Award winner. Though MacKillop Catholic College were not the overall National Award Winner we are extremely proud of our award and intend to build on this partnership next year.

MacKillop Catholic College and the 1st Palmerston Scouts Group in partnership will provide education and recreation for young people in Palmerston. This community partnership will share facilities and equipment and develop a multi-user facility within the College to educate students, promote community values and provide social interaction for the local youth and their families. All of which encourage community growth and connectedness.

This school-community partnership offers an exciting opportunity for young people located in Palmerston to develop a much needed culture of belonging and ownership for their school and the surrounding region by working together and sharing the same core values. By partnering with the 1st Palmerston Scout Group and Palmerston Guides, RSL Palmerston Sub branch, Palmerston City Council, and the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, young people's social and emotional wellbeing will be enhanced.

The Northern Territory government has authorised use of the adjacent heritage site to the school to provide a venue for training and camping. The Palmerston City Council will construct a memorial garden. The RSL will provide financial, corporate, and education support and help maintain the heritage area and memorial. Stakeholders believe that constructing and delivering a community facility will underpin education of the local youth and develop their community values. Developing ownership and belonging in a new school and suburb will have positive ramifications for student performance and behaviour. This partnership offers explicit ways to develop: self-discipline; positive behaviours; behaviour support networks beyond school; and, restorative practices. Knowledge of WW2 site and indigenous traditions are also important outcomes.

The partnership will mean that local Scouts have a permanent home within the campus of the school, sharing in the use of the covered areas, storage spaces and classroom space and purchasing shared equipment for camping, trekking, orienteering and community service. This partnership will support the development of the Duke of Edinburgh Program and Outdoor Education and Recreation. The aim of the partnership is to build confidence, resilience, organisation and persistence through their association with the Col-

lege. Over the past ten years, the Palmerston Scouts have enjoyed strong ties with the local community and this community link will encourage greater community engagement through local leaders and organisations. This partnership is well placed to re-engage students who have become disengaged and who have lost self-confidence.

To celebrate our win and our outstanding school community partnership you are invited to attend:

We sincerely thank 1st Palmerston Scouts and Lance Johnson for their support and willingness to work in partnership. We look forward to many new partnerships over the coming years as MacKillop continues to become a shared community resource here in Palmerston.

May God bless you and your families,

Laurretta Graham

Your Invitation to our Wine & Cheese Evening

Dear Parents & Guardians,

You are invited to help 1st Palmerston Scouts and MacKillop Catholic College celebrate our NAB Schools First Award win in recognition of our outstanding school-community partnership. Our partnership focuses on developing student connectedness with community organisations that will in turn re-engage them with learning and expose them to the benefits of an active lifestyle.

We won a Seed Funding Award and have been rewarded with \$15,000 to help grow and strengthen our partnership. That is something to celebrate!

Event details:

Where: MacKillop Catholic College Library

When: 6pm on Wednesday 28th November

RSVP: Kate Middleton, MacKillop Catholic College by 15 November 2012
kate.middleton@nt.catholic.edu.au

Hope to see you there!

Kind regards,

Laurretta Graham

Principal MacKillop Catholic College

Lance Johnston

1st Palmerston Scouts

NAB Schools First brought to life by   





Religious Education from Mrs. Marie Butt APRE

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Students and Staff of MacKillop Catholic College gathered on Friday 9th November for a solemn service to mark Remembrance Day. Special guest Mr Jack Myatt, a Korean War Veteran, spoke to the assembly and Company Sergeant Major Richard Kelson, a serving member of our Defence Force, gave the address. Mr Geoff Carter, a member of the Army Band and the City of Palmerston Band, kindly gave his time to be our bugler, a very moving tribute to the men and women who have given their lives in times of war. Parish Priest Father Tom English led us in our prayer.

As part of our service students gathered with students throughout Australia as part of Read2Remember 2012 and read the PLEDGE OF REMEMBRANCE. Students pledged to be *"the best that I can be"*. I have included this Pledge for all to read.

PLEDGE OF REMEMBRANCE

The Australian soldier grows not old, the flame still lights his eyes
Although his body lays to rest, his flag forever flies
On the green and gold horizon where the wattles sweep and sway
It flies amongst the gardens and the classrooms of today
Over ocean streams and backyard dreams, above the sunburnt plain
Through harvest yields, on sporting fields, in rainbows after rain
It defines a life worth living and a day that must be won
For every father's daughter and for every mother's son
But more than that, the honour claimed in fighting for the free
The pride of the Australian soldier burns in you and me
When the night is dark and dangerous with the rumble of the storm
His courage calls the sunrise and his spirit makes it warm
We will not forget their sacrifice – the strength of their endeavour
For the choices we are gifted with, that flame will burn forever
With a smile that lights the future shining brightly in our scope
We will stand as one, together - we will carry on with hope
But as we go, we take the words that rightfully belong
"I am young and I am worthy, I am brave and I am strong
In the face of any challenge, I will strive to rise above
I deserve this opportunity to live, to learn, to love
I can truly make a difference; my path is up to me
And this is my commitment – be the best that I can be."

Rupert McCall

For Read2Remember 2012

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 8:00am

END OF YEAR LITURGY

Please keep Tuesday 11th December at 9am free so that our College Community can join for our final Liturgy for 2012. This will be a time to reflect and celebrate our achievements during our foundation year.

TERM 4

Class Masses:

Mon 19th: Year 8.2

Mon 26th: Year 9.1



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!

Things to Say to Encourage Confident Behaviour

"That took confidence."

"That wasn't easy to do, but you did it."

"You had a confident voice when you spoke."

"You really stood up for what you believed!"

"You were not afraid to make a mistake. Good for you."

"Predicting success helps you get there."

"You have a positive approach to your work."

"You did not get too upset with yourself for not achieving a good result."

"You look confident."

What does confident behaviour look like !

Chooses to participate in new activities.

Does hard work without asking for help.

Continues to work on difficult assignments without asking for help

Shares a new idea with teacher, class or family

Presents a 'difficult' talk to class

Introduces him/ herself to someone new

Speaks loudly and clearly when asking or answering a question

When answering a question, provides a non-conforming, creative answer

Greets adults with good eye contact and uses their name

Offers to take responsibility for organising a family event

Message to parents/guardians Cyber safety



Our students are allowed to take their laptops home to meet their learning needs and complete their assessments. Considering the safety issues and appropriate use of Internet it will be ideal if students are working where they are supervised. During spot checks I have noticed students using Facebook at night. They are tired and sleepy as they spend hours on their laptops and sleep late. It is great to know that some parents are already taking measures to address this issue.

Kind regards,

Mrs Arakkal
ICT coordinator

Orientation Day

Year 6 into 7

Yesterday - Tuesday 20th November 2012 we welcomed our 2013 Year 7 class for their Orientation Day!

Parent's Information Evening

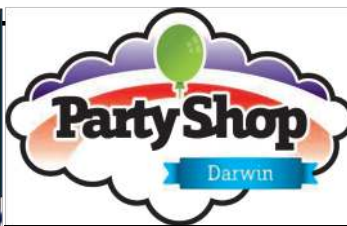
Tonight—Wednesday 21st November - 7pm-8pm here at the College. We look forward to meeting our new parents!



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



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We are looking to hold a Quiz night at Cazaly's on the 29th November at 6.00pm, it is \$10 per person for a table of 10. This fundraiser is assist our girls to travel interstate. Sunset Calisthenics has 3 young ladies competing in the 2013 Showcase National Dance Championships in January 2013 on the Gold Coast. Please contact Ann-Marie Hughes on 0400312856 or huhgesfamily01@aapt.net.au



Volunteers Needed!

The Uniform Shop

We are calling for volunteers to assist us in the Uniform Shop for the week of Monday 21st January 2013!!!

If you could spare some time it

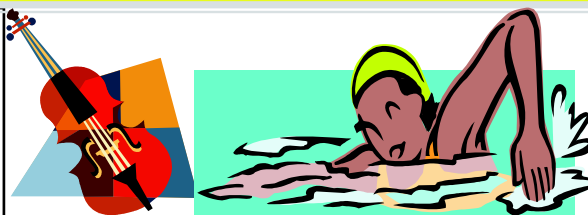
WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED!

Please contact me at: kate.middleton@nt.catholic.edu.au

Calendar of Coming Events

TERM 4 DATES

Year 6 into 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



A Year in Sport at MacKillop

"From little things big things grow" can rightly be said to describe sport this year at MacKillop.

Term One saw students all undertake Royal Lifesaving Bronze Medallion training as part of PE. Students also represented the College in PARCs days for Netball, Rugby League and AFL. We also had our swimming carnival at the end of Term One with a huge turnout of participants from the student body.

Term Two saw 2 teams compete in PARCs Touch at Fred's Pass. We also held the inaugural MacKillop Cross Country at school making use of the varied and challenging terrain surrounding us. Several students then went on to represent the College at the PARCs cross country meet.

Another first was the Athletics Carnival and, like the swimming, the number of participants were fantastic with several outstanding performances.

Semester Two has seen a mixed team represent MacKillop at PARC's Softball/Baseball and 2 teams of golfers head out to a competition at Palmerston Golf Course.

There has also been a big push this semester in developing Rugby League. The College has played St John's Darwin on two occasions and squad of over 20 players headed to Katherine for interschools against Katherine High and St Joseph's Catholic College with the Tri Schools trophy on offer. This exchange will be an annual event. There are plans for an end of year tournament between the Catholic Schools in Darwin and Katherine. The College also participated in the Palmerston Rugby League Gala Day with a great deal of success against bigger schools. The success of the Rugby League program reflects the efforts of Mr David Graham.

On Friday 2nd November was the PARCs cluster swimming. MacKillop has had a swimming squad running all year on Tuesday nights under the training of Mr John Katal and several of his squad swam. See the report below, our team did very well indeed, congratulations!

The second event is PARC's Hockey. MacKillop has several outstanding hockey players at Territory and national level and hopefully this will allow Mr Dimmick and his team to come home with the silverware.

2013 will be bigger and better than 2012. Plans to develop an AFL are underway and with a growing college more sports will be on offer.

A big thanks to parents who have organised students, signed permission notes, helped at carnivals and cheered from the sidelines. Without your support these things are not possible!



Well done to our Swimming Squad!!!!

Who competed at the 2012 PARCS Cluster Swimming Carnival on 2nd November 2012. MacKillop Catholic College came a VERY respectable 2nd! The results were:

Kormilda College	1st
MacKillop Catholic College	2nd
Good Shepherd & Palmerston High School	3rd
Rosebery Middle School	5th

Our Captains were Aidan Cross and Teegan Wattam who did a very good job and led by example. The students were wonderful and respectable ambassadors, which makes me very honoured to maintain my association with MacKillop Catholic College as coach in the sport I love. We are all looking forward to 2013! ...John Katal, Swimming Coach



2012 Young Musician of the Year

Thursday 6th December



Nominations will soon be closed for Young Musician of the Year. The Young Musician of the Year competition will be held on Thursday 6th December in the MacKillop Catholic College library and will run for most of the day. Students will perform in various age and instrument sections as well as compete for the overall final title of Young Musician of the Year.

The performances will be judged by accomplished Australian pianist and adjudicator Larry Hammond who will give constructive criticism to students. The aim of the Young Musician of the Year program is to further music education in and around our college, promoting not only music, but performance excellence. The 2012 Young Musician of the Year will be required to perform a piece of music in front of a live audience. Winners will be judged and places will be given for each year level. The overall most successful student will have their name placed on a perpetual trophy as the year's highest achieving music student.

APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW
FORMS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE & MUSIC DEPT

\$10 ADMISSION VALID ALL DAY

Cash for Containers



MacKillop Catholic College now has a trailer purchased through the "Cash for Containers School Fundraising Grant Scheme"!

Students will now be collecting all drink containers at the College. If there are families who would like to help us with this fundraising initiative, please bring your containers into the school and the office staff will be happy to direct you to the trailer to deposit your containers!