



## Newsletter - Wednesday 5th December 2012 - Issue No 15

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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,

As the school year draws to a close, I write to say:

**Thank you.**

**Remember no act of kindness no matter how small is ever wasted...** Aesop

MacKillop has certainly taken flight this year. Together we have achieved so much. Thank you for your contribution in making this a memorable and exciting year.

Sadly, we say good-bye to Mrs Doyle over the next week. Mrs Doyle leaves us to join her family in Brisbane. She has been an important part of our College and in particular the Music Department. We thank her for her tremendous effort; she will be sadly missed.

This journey of life is a maiden voyage for each one of us. Each day we set our course and make our way in the world. Sometimes we do it with grace regardless of the circumstances and sometimes we struggle. This journey often requires as much courage as required by explorers of the past who ventured into lands unknown. We, like them, have no idea of what each moment really looks like until we get there. St Paul's advice to the people of Galatia, is good advice for us today. If we find signs of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control, then chances are that these signs are pointing us in the right direction. Our patron saint points us towards Christ and Christmas and reminds us of the real meaning of Christmas and who is central to our lives.

To those families who are leaving MacKillop Catholic College, thank you for your contribution, and we wish you every happiness and success in the future and may Christmas Blessings shine on you and may the special love of Christ be with you all through the Holiday Season. Congratulations to the staff on their tremendous support of students, during this year. We thank all parents for their commitment and loyalty to our College. We look forward to another successful year, in 2013, where parents, teachers, community members and students work collaboratively to build our College.

We pray that all members of our community enjoy a holiday season free of incident and journey safely back to us in 2013.

Wishing you God's Blessings.

**Lauretta Graham - Principal**

**Last day for students:**

**Tuesday 11th December**

**12 noon**



**"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"**



**Laretta Graham  
Principal**

## *True Signs of Success*

There is no doubt MacKillop Catholic College will be the Culture & Performing Arts Hub of Palmerston. The College orchestra showcased for the first time last week and all I can say is ...Wow!!!

The progress in one year has been outstanding. Students from our cluster of schools: Sacred Heart School, St Francis of Assisi, and MacKillop Catholic College made us all proud. Many, many parents and friends enjoyed the evening.

Our College is alive and well with many activities happening across the campus as we wind up 2012. The week marketing at the Palmerston Supermarket was both enjoyable and helped place our church and schools within the wider community.

We are quickly heading towards one hundred additional families for 2013. 2013 is an exciting new chapter about to unfold with many new staff appointments and programs ready for implementation.

This week, our MacKillop Rugby Team (MacKillop Men) played other Catholic Schools for the Catholic Cup. They did a splendid job however the cup went to O'Loughlin Catholic College.

An enthusiastic group of year 7 & 8 students will visit the aged care facility in Palmerston this week. They have busily cooked and prepared gifts for these residents. This is part of our out-

Father Tom and Mr Sean Heffernan enjoy their time on the stand the other week at the Shopping Centre

reach and service to the wider community. Once again, thank you for all that you do.

**Laretta Graham, Principal**

## **You are a Wonderful Reflection of God' Love**

You are one of those rare people who keeps the

Spirit of Christmas glowing brightly

Through the year,

Because your life is truly a reflection

Of God's love...

The caring things

You say and do

Bring Christ's peace,

Hope and joy

To everyone around you...

Every day you show

What Christmas love is really about

Through your smiles and laughter,

Your compassion and concern, your warmth and kindness.

God has blessed me

With knowing you

And, this Christmas,

I pray that HE WILL BLESS YOU WITH EVERYTHING GOOD

And that his love will always light your way.



**Merry Christmas**

**2012!**



## Religious Education from Mrs. Marie Butt APRE

### ADVENT

#### 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

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Christ Child, and in the midst of the pre-Christmas frenzy, it's easy to lose sight of the profound spiritual importance of the Advent season. Your greatest temptation during Advent will be scrimping on your spiritual needs because there are so many other things going on!

There are presents to make or buy, cookies to bake, cards to mail, parties to plan, gifts to wrap, and trees to decorate. Even your parish can put demands on your time with choir practices, pageant rehearsals, candy sales, food collections for the poor and Advent evenings of reflection.

There's nothing wrong with pre-Christmas preparations. But it's important to balance the sacred part of the Advent season with all of the other things you are doing. If you don't make time for quiet reflection, prayer and conversion of heart, you will find yourself physically, emotionally and spiritually exhausted by Christmas Day. Your Christmas celebration will look perfect on the surface, but will feel spiritually unsatisfying. You will have a hard time experiencing the joy and peace that the Babe in Bethlehem brings.

Follow this link to a short video on Advent.

<http://www.osv.com/OSV4MeNav/ChurchSeasons/AdventResources/DefinitiveGuidetoAdvent/tabid/7301/Default.aspx>

As Christmas approaches make CHRIST the centre of your Christmas celebrations. I wish you all Peace and Joy at this very special time of year. *Marie*

#### END OF YEAR LITURGY

Please keep Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>: Year 8.2

Mon 26<sup>th</sup>: Year 9.1

#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

##### OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, PALMERSTON

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December pm

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December am

pm

##### SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISSI, HUMPTY DOO

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December





### 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!

***We have received two unidentified deposits into our bank account during the month of October. If you have noticed that your fees have not been credited with amounts paid, could you please contact Michelle Chambers on 89305757***

# P&F News



## Last Committee Meeting 2012

Monday 10th December 7pm

Bring a plate and a friend!

Looking forward to seeing you all  
there!



## MacKillop Catholic College Board

### Last Meeting & Christmas Party!

**Monday 17th December 2012**

**All Board Members Welcome**

Parents and Guardians who are interested in participating in the future are also welcome!



## 2013 Gap Year Program in Christian Leadership

A GAP option for school leavers who'd like to volunteer, obtain great work experience, be trained in youth ministry and participate in youth events across the NT, Australia and at World Youth Day Brazil.

The program is based at the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office in Darwin and run by its Director, Benita De Vincentiis

For further information and to apply: **visit** [www.darwin.catholic.org.au](http://www.darwin.catholic.org.au)  
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**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](mailto:kate.middleton@nt.catholic.edu.au)

**Tuckshop Corner**

**THE TUCKSHOP'S LAST DAY OF SALE WILL BE THIS FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2012!! There will be NO FOOD AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK**

## Calendar of Coming Events

### TERM 4 DATES



**REMINDER:**

**Student last day of Term!**

**12 noon Tuesday 11th December 2012**

Young Musician of the Year  
Carols and Christmas Fair  
End of Year Liturgy 9.00am  
Last Day of Term 12 noon

6th December 2012  
7th December 2012  
11th December  
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

**Carols & Christmas Fair!**

**This Friday 7th December 2012**



*All Welcome!*

**Sing Carols!**

**Drama Performance!**

**Stalls!**



## MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE RUGBY LEAGUE EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

**DAVID GRAHAM**  
**RUGBY LEAGUE COACH**



What a fantastic, rugby league filled year 2012 has been! As our boys prepare for their final outing for 2012 I am filled with great pride in the progress our team has made. Term 4 has seen the implementation of the rugby league excellence elective which has revolutionised the way our boys train and play. Recently congratulations must be given to our team for their fantastic display at the rugby league 7's gala day where they gave their best performances for the year and came within 4 points of notching their first win of the year.



Special congratulations to Jack Cox and Lance Tamiiano who have been selected to try out for the North Queensland Cowboys training academy. Both of these boys are thoroughly deserving of their invitation and it is good to see the NRL taking notice of our young men in the Northern Territory.

On Monday the last event of the year was held for Rugby League, with a round robin tournament with the other Top End Catholic Colleges. Our boys displayed their improvement with some close games played! O'Loughlin won the Tournament, closely followed by a well disciplined St Joseph's Catholic College, who came up from Katherine to participate.

### **Cluster Champions!**

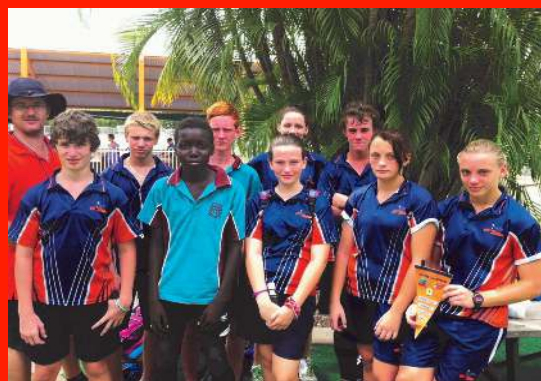
**MacKillop Catholic College**

### **Winners of the Middle School Hockey Cluster Championships!**

Congratulations to our Hockey Team, and their jubilant Coach and Manager, Mr Dimmick! who came back victorious last week!



### **Congratulations!**







## 2012 Young Musician of the Year

### Thursday 6th December

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

### Food Technology—Festive Food Elective with Mrs Butt



Students in the Festive Food Elective this term have learnt how to make a variety of sweet treats for Christmas. Students explored different ways to package their food for gift giving.



### Limelight with Mrs Arakkal



#### *Learning the tricks of the trade*

In Lime Light Elective, students had the opportunity to investigate the hardware components of computers and to reassemble the parts. Two technical experts, Jeremy and Cameron from Hall Mark computers explained each component and worked with student groups to put the components together.

Both the presenters were impressed by the active involvement of lime students in this activity. The best group involvement award goes to Emily Moss, Teegan Wattam and Grace Mayfield. Best team work effort from Dustin Carter, Angus Bryan, Cameron Perry and Tai Terupo. Patrick Reed wins the individual award for consistent effort and Dustin Carter the best team leader.

**Textile Technology—Christmas Craft** with Mrs Butt



Learning how to sew using a sewing machine has allowed students in Textile Technology to design and make an impressive range of gifts for Christmas.



**Kitchen Garden** with Mrs Butt

The KITCHEN GARDEN is now complete. The first stage of our Kitchen Garden is now planted and growing well. We hope to harvest fruit, herbs and seasonal vegetables in the not too distant future.







**From the Science Department with Mrs Dorgelo**

Early in the year we were invited by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to participate in a project preparing assessment tasks and samples of students' work for use in staff professional development sessions across Australia. After receiving permission from students and parents, samples were forwarded and have been very well received. I have been advised that our work is being used as examples of best practice and will be used in workshops to be conducted by ACARA personnel in coming months as the Australian Curriculum Science is rolled out across Australia.

During 2013 we will be participating in the **STELR project**, with a focus on science, technology and engineering. We have been offered a grant of \$3000 to enable the purchase of specialist physics and electronic equipment to support the program. Teachers will undergo targeted professional development to enable them to deliver the program in 2013. Our students will receive an up-to-date introduction to many aspects of Physics and be well equipped to conduct open-ended investigations as a result of this generous grant made possible by the INPEX project.

Year 7 has recently competed in 'The Great Egg Drop'. Humpty Dumpty would have been envious of the creations that were devised to protect the eggs as they 'fell' from the balcony to the concrete below. Only three eggs were broken. The most innovative design was created by **Jarrold Hovland** and **Joesph Chin**, who each received a science experiment in a test tube as a prize for their efforts.



As the year comes to a close may I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas. I look forward to seeing all students back for an exciting year in 2013.

Shane Venes - Optimistic as  
always!

Best Wishes, Vicki Dorgelo



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

## Give hope this Christmas

**In every face of despair, we see a face of hope.**

Today, as many families prepare to celebrate the festive season with their loved ones, please spare a thought for people doing it tough this Christmas.

Some gifts have the ability to stay with a person for life and forever change the way they see the world and how they deal with it. Hope is such a gift. At Vinnies, we see hope in the face of despair.

This Christmas, your donation will help Vinnies provide much-needed help, from practical assistance to food hampers, emotional support, and even gifts for children so they may still participate in the joys of Christmas. More than anything we can give hope to thousands of Australians in their time of need.

Please donate and give the gift of hope this Christmas.

**Donations of gifts (UNWRAPPED PLEASE) or non-perishable food can be left under the tree at the College any day up until the end of term. For those attending the College Carols Night we ask you give a thought to those people in need this Christmas and bring along a donation to place under the tree.**