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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



Sometimes in the busyness of our lives we feel like a hamster on a wheel. In the pursuit of the good life we find ourselves on a never-ending wheel of motion, moving at a pace that gets more and more difficult to sustain. During the Season of Lent, we are reminded that too often in life we become the servants of our fears rather than the masters of our lives. Jesus calls us to slow down and reflect on what we truly believe in the depth of our hearts and make our words and attitudes reflect those values.

Lent is a time, above all, to give more time than we normally think we can afford to the mechanics of our spiritual life. It is not only about giving up but taking time out of our normal routine to; or as we go about our busy work listen and attend with the ear of our hearts (St Benedict), making a special effort to listen with care and compassion to each person we meet, a gift given in a moment of meeting where a person's true nature and worth is acknowledged. In the text *Bread of Tomorrow*, Janet Morley points out that the service that is asked of us, the active engagement of our hands, feet or voices, is not understood only as a one-way gift. "One of the hardest assumptions for Western society to relinquish is the view of ourselves as privileged and generous givers". "There is much wisdom we desperately need to receive from those who are in a better position than we are to see the world accurately – if only we could acknowledge this.

Brother (or Sister), let me be your servant,

Let me be as Christ to you;

pray that I may have the grace

to let you be my servant too.

"We do not serve the weak or broken. What we serve is the wholeness in each other and the wholeness in life". "The part in you that I serve is the same part that is strengthened in me when I serve. Unlike helping and fixing and rescuing, service is mutual... R N Remen from *My Grandfather's Blessings*. Through our College Mission, each person is connected with others in the community giving rise to willingness to be of service to others. Discovering what connects us to others and understanding our own authenticity can be a challenge. To do this we need to create enough time in each day for beauty, creativity, imagination and learning. The late Morris West concluded that life was an enriching voyage of self-discovery. May the peace of Christ be with your families as you look for opportunities to serve others this lent.

Lauretta Graham, Principal

STUDENT VACANCIES — ENROL NOW!

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

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

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“The Frog’s Lesson”



There once was a bunch of tiny frogs, who arranged a running competition. The goal was to reach the top of a very high tower. A big crowd had gathered around the tower to see the race and cheer on the contestants... The race began... Honestly... No one in the crowd really believed that the tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower.

You heard statements such as: “Oh, WAY too difficult!!!” They will NEVER make it to the top!!!” or: “Not a chance that they will succeed. The tower is too high!!!” The tiny frogs began collapsing. One by one... Except for those, who in a fresh tempo, were climbing higher and higher... The crowd continued to yell, “It is too difficult!!! No one will make it!!!” More tiny frogs got tired and gave up... But ONE continued higher and higher and higher... This one wouldn’t give up!!!

At the end everyone else had given up climbing the tower. Except for the one tiny frog that, after a big **effort**, was the only one who reached the top!

THEN all of the other tiny frogs naturally wanted to know how this one frog managed to do it. A contestant asked the tiny frog how he had found the strength to succeed

and reach the goal. It turned out... that the winner was DEAF!!!

The wisdom of this story is. NEVER listen to other people’s tendencies to be negative or pessimistic...

Because they take your most wonderful dreams and wishes from the ones you have in your heart!!!. Always think of the power words have. Because everything you hear and read will affect your actions!!

Therefore: ALWAYS be POSITIVE!!

And above all:

Be DEAF when people tell YOU that you cannot fulfil your dreams!!!

Always think: GOD AND I CAN DO THIS!!!

Don’t tell GOD how Big your storm is. Tell the storm how Big your GOD is.



Our Opening Mass
at
Our Lady Help of Christians
15th Feb 2012

Congratulations on a wonderful Opening Mass

Congratulations to our staff who organised our College Opening Mass, it was certainly an outstanding event; a true celebration of our unity as a College. We congratulate all students for their participation and true presence. Our gratitude also extends to our celebrant for the day, Fr Tom English.

Thank you to Fr Milton who spent most of Tuesday Morning with our students. We are truly blessed to have the support and encouragement of two wonderful Parish Priests.

Thank you to Mrs Marie Butt, Mr David Graham, Miss Erin McCann & Mrs Trish Doyle who made the celebration so special.



Laurretta Graham
Principal

Working in Partnership:

Please remember that the staff at MacKillop Catholic College will always have time for parents and are only a phone call or an email away. It is always best to contact the class teacher as soon as you have a concern. Teachers will be happy to arrange a visit at a time suitable to all concerned.

*Each day is blessed by God,
It is God's own and now let us go into it.
We walk in this day as God's messenger;
Whoever we meet,
We meet in God's own way. We are there to be the
presence of God,
The presence of Christ,
The presence of the Spirit,
The presence of the Gospel - This is our function
On each particular day. ...* *Anthony Bloom*

Project Compassion

During Lent, Project Compassion is one way of reaching out to many people who have as their daily realities: distress; hardship; persecution; famine and violence. Through our contribution to Project Compassion we can bring dignity and hope to those who are suffering in our world. Project Compassion gives us the opportunity to bring new life to all those who suffer and struggle.

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more" ... Archbishop Oscar Romero

Sun Safety...

All who live on our tropics are naturally concerned about Sun Cancer.

It is imperative that all associated with our College are protecting themselves from the damaging effects of the sun and giving positive messages regards sun safety to students. We ask everyone to wear hats whilst out in the sun particularly when walking to and from school, to buses or pick up areas.

Catholic Identity Sub-committee of the College Board:

This committee under the leadership of Ange Bull are looking for new members. Catholic Identity Sub-committee has as its charter to:

- Enhance the quality of Religious Education and Faith Formation in the College and in the wider community;
- Assist in the planning of College Celebrations;
- Establish a vital link between the parish/s and the College;
- Refine signs and symbols in and about the College and the Community; and,
- Ensure that the Strategic Priorities are the foundation for the development and the evaluation of all policies.



Socks & Hats...

Socks & Hats are now on sale from the MacKillop Office counter at CDU. Parents will be informed as soon as other uniform items arrive. Uniform shop open times will be advertised when these items arrive.

Volunteers Wanted

Presently we are seeking volunteers to cover books.

Please contact: Raelene Whiting on:
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News from Around the MacKillop Campus

Information Communication

Technology: The development of Information Technology is creating a wide range of opportunities for our young generation.

MacKillop College is excited to be part of this wonderful adventure. Information Technology is one of the highlights of our College, with excellent computer facilities for our students. Our computers with advanced software, audio, video equipment, and a wide range of input and output devices will enable them to engage in authentic activities and showcase their learning experiences with other schools in NT and across Australia. Each student will be provided with a net book to support their learning across the curriculum.

Students are also provided with the opportunity to complete Certificate I, Certificate II and Certificate III in Information Technology

We look forward to working with our parents and the community to encourage our young leaders to 'lead with courage'
Vanaja Arakkal—ICT Coordinator

News from the College Board:

Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Community,
On behalf of the Board, I would like to express a huge welcome to all the students and families involved in the MacKillop Community. We are very fortunate to have Lauretta and her wonderful staff involved in the foundation year of MacKillop Catholic College.

It was fantastic to see so many families at the first MacKillop shared dinner. Occasions such as the dinner, are a great opportunity to meet other families, and to Interim Board Chair interact informally with staff.

I encourage you to come to as many College events as possible. Building a new school, is not just about the structures and buildings. An important part of a new school is the building of a community. As the College grows, there will be many opportunities for parents to be involved in different ways.

I look forward to meeting you at the functions throughout the year.

Gez Mulvahil



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Interim Board Chair

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MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

As a Catholic College centred on the person of Jesus Christ, every individual at MacKillop Catholic College has value and a right and a need to be treated with respect. This *Code of Behaviour* is designed to help all involved in this community to fulfil their responsibilities to each other and to promote an environment which provides the maximum opportunity for all to experience success and develop to their fullest potential, as we see through the life of our Patron, Saint Mary MacKillop.

Treat Ourselves with Respect

This will be achieved through:

- Arriving to class prepared and on time;
- Wearing uniform correctly and with pride;
- Using appropriate language and actions at all times;
- Working to the best of your ability and accepting responsibility for your own education;
- Being concerned for your health and well being, avoid drugs, alcohol, tobacco and other illicit substances;
- Taking responsibility for your own actions/choices; and
- Making the most of educational opportunities by completing all set work.

Treat Others with Respect

This will be achieved through:

- Showing courtesy and respecting the rights of others;
- Welcoming others to participate in the decision-making of the College;
- Respecting the educational rights of other students;
- Representing my College appropriately at all times, including: when in transit to and from the College, participating in community event, and whenever representing the College;
- Respecting other people's need to socialise without being harassed or hurt and providing an environment which is free of discrimination and harassment;
- Abiding by the expectations of the College;
- Never acting in a way that may cause emotional or physical harm to another person and acknowledging that I have a responsibility to inform a teacher of any potential threat or danger to the health and safety of others;
- Actively promoting the College values of: Courage, Compassion; Inclusivity; Respect; and, Integrity;
- Being aware of visitors, new staff and students by making them feel welcome and supported;
- Developing right relationships that emulate respect for each individual within the community; and,
- Following reasonable and clearly communicated instructions from staff.

Treat the Environment with Respect

This will be achieved through:

- Showing pride in your College environment;
- Keeping classrooms, buildings and grounds tidy and clean; and,
- Caring for school grounds and gardens.

Treat all Property with Respect

This will be achieved through:

- Respecting other people's belongings and using other students' property only with permission;
- Caring for equipment, furniture and resources;
- Reporting any damage to the office if it occurs; and
- Respecting and caring responsibly for your own property.

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