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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

Happy Easter. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday break. It is so wonderful to be finally in our New College though we are still waiting on the completion of Block A East and Block B. We are told that block A East will be available in three weeks.

Presently, we have seven teaching spaces which are serving us nicely as well as a covered area for students at lunch time. Teachers have been making the best of the surrounding resources for student recreation: the playground across the way, the heritage walk, and the grassed area on MacKillop Court.

Thank you to everyone who offered to help with the move into our College. Unfortunately, the hand over from builders only occurred the night before school started and consequently, I could not take advantage of the many generous offers received. Instead teachers have been moving their things in bit by bit over the past week and will continue this, this week. On Thursday afternoon from 3:30pm we will move the remaining items from Sacred Heart Primary to MacKillop. If you are available you are most welcome to help.

This term's working Bee will be in the form of a Library Working Bee to help cover books. Saturday morning in the College Library has been scheduled for this activity. We will work from 8am until 10am only. I can imagine we will move a lot of what needs to be done if we have many hands on deck.

This week we celebrate Anzac Day. We ask that all students attend the Palmerston Parade in full correct school uniform. This will be our first formal appearance as MacKillop Catholic College. Students are asked to meet staff at Palmerston Quest apartments at 9:15am on Anzac Day.

Continue to enjoy the Easter Season and raise the consciousness of good will and hope with those you meet—strangers and friends alike.

Thank you for supporting the Project Compassion appeal. Be assured your donations will make a difference to so many throughout the world!

Blessings to you. *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

**"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"**

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### Fun, Confidence, Excellence

We aim for students:

- To strive to achieve their best potential;
- To enhance their self-determination, motivation and confidence;
- To learn through encouragement, praise and respect;
- To be personally challenged by an exciting curriculum.



If you have any queries regarding this contract please contact the Instrumental Music Coordinator at MacKillop Catholic College on 0439540865 or via email: [david.graham@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:david.graham@nt.catholic.edu.au)



### Official College Telephone Numbers:

The following are the official College numbers:

Mobile 0408194775 and Phone: 0889305757

**Parents, please do not use other private numbers when contacting MacKillop College.**



**Lauretta Graham**  
Principal

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An Easter Reflection taken in part from the works of Fr Richard Rohr

The Jewish Sabbath is over and three women arrive to anoint Jesus on this first day of the week just as the sun is rising. As the women walk toward the tomb they are saying, "Who will roll away the stone?" (Mark 16:3). We still have the same human question: "Who will roll away the stone of our various blockages and our blindness?" Easter Season is a great way to start a new Term. We can start with putting aside the blockages that hold us back from our full potential and full life. The Risen Jesus is the lasting image and eternal icon of what God is going to do everywhere for everybody in all of time. God's exact job description is this, according to St. Paul: I am the God "who turns death into life and calls into being

what does not yet exist" (Romans 4:17). Starting in Genesis, Yahweh is always creating something out of nothing (*creatio ex nihilo*), which becomes the bedrock meaning of grace. Jesus stands forever as God's promise, guarantee, and lifetime warranty of what God has always been about and will forever do: turn crucifixions into resurrections! What else would give us hope? Richard Rohr says this is what it means to "believe in Jesus" (see 1 Corinthians 15:20-23). We, like the women in the Gospel, are still asking, "Who will roll away the stone?" The first thing we need to recognize is that the stone is surely there, but notice also the moment of their arrival. They came "just as the sun was rising" (Mark 16:2).

I think the text is telling us that it is divine light that allows us to both see—and then see beyond—the very same stone. (Richard Rohr, 2011) This term, with the hope that only Easter can bring let us all look beyond the blockages that cause us stress and worry.

Happy Easter and blessings to all staff and families.

Welcome to a hope filled and exciting new term ahead.

Lauretta Graham

### News from the Library

#### A Working Bee



**Saturday 28th April**

**8am to 10am**

**in the Library**

**All Welcome**





## MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE RUGBY LEAGUE

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, our rugby league boys competed in the PARCs Rugby League Carnival. It was a fantastic day with very solid performances from all of our players. Regardless of the extreme range of experience in the sport, our boys worked together, showing the opposition teams exactly what it's like to play a hard-hitting, aggressive and courageous MacKillop team. The day was a long and hard fought one with consecutive games played with little or no break time in between. These young gentlemen deserve recognition not only in their success in how they played, yet their ability to bond as a team, their ever vigilant persistence and their great displays of sportsmanship. Our boys displayed a toughness, determination and grit beyond their years, laying the foundation for all the courageous young men who will wear the MacKillop Colours.

David Graham

Staff: Kieren Lines (HPE Coordinator) & David Graham (Music Coordinator)



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## HAVE YOU CONSIDERED INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC?

### Why Should My Child Learn an Instrument?

There is international acclaim to the value of music education within our society especially at school level. Considerable research has been carried out in various countries around the world verifying the fact. As early as the 1950's a series of experiments were carried out in Hungary to test the benefits of learning music at primary school. This test was only one of several more to follow. The results of which are all very similar.

#### Music Increases Memorising Capacity.

Music students showed evidence of greater memory training. This is an important quality for students to develop to enable higher academic achievement.

#### Music Improves Reasoning Capacity

There is proof from these studies that students learning music had enhanced comprehension skills.

A far greater percentage of music students understood the story they were asked to read compared with non-music students.

#### Music Also Improves Pupil's Time Management and Organizational Skills.

Students need to organise themselves to attend lessons and band rehearsals and therefore arrangement their schedules to prepare their songs etc.. for the lessons. They are expected to attend promptly at the correct time also need to remember to bring the correct equipment to their lessons and band. This is assisting the child to develop basic life skills. Music students develop and improve these skills over time with the benefits reflected in their academic achievement and success later in life.

### Music Fosters the Development of Team Skills

Music seeks to improve the student's team skills, especially when the student is part of an instrumental music program where they are a member of the band and other ensemble groups. As in other team activities all members have a role to play. All members are important and must learn to work as a team. A recent survey in the USA showed that an average of 20% of high school students are enrolled in an instrumental music program. *Look at these figures!* The survey revealed that 80% of the academic awards are consistently gained by this 20% group of music students. **Did You Know?**

**Music is Mathematical.** It is rhythmically based on the subdivision of time into fractions which the students must do instantaneously whilst playing their instrument. This enhances their mathematical ability.

**Music is a Foreign Language.** Most of the musical terms that are used throughout a piece of music are Italian, German or French. The musical notation itself is a highly developed form of shorthand that uses symbols to represent ideas. It is believed to be the most complete and universal language.

**Music is History.** Music usually reflects the environment and times of its creation. Students learn a variety of different types of music including folk songs and

songs from various cultures and times.

**Music is Physical Education.** Learning to play an instrument requires coordination of fingers, hands, arms, cheek and facial muscles in addition to extraordinary control of the diaphragm, back, stomach and chest muscles leading to the development of a higher level of athletic fitness.

#### Various Other Health Benefits.

Learning a wind instrument can sometimes help with respiratory disorders such as asthma - because of the development of the lungs that occurs in response to playing these instruments. The area of Music Therapy is vast. It is suffice to say here that the benefits to many health problems are noteworthy.

#### Other Benefits Include:

The fostering of self-expression, emotional intelligence and responsibility. The development of discipline, pride, concentration and social communication as well as the development of physical coordination and problem solving skills.

#### In Summary:

Music improves concentration, listening ability (both internal and external), reading and comprehension ability, mathematical perception, coordination and ability to maintain a relaxed focus and so on. ... **David Graham**



David Graham

Instrumental Music  
Coordinator



Alison Graf  
Under 15's Coach



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### Mackillop Bolts —NETBALL—

Mackillop now has two teams now entered in the Palmerston Netball Association Competition. Under 13's who play on a Thursday evening and Under 15's who play on a Monday evening.

Thursday 22nd March was the first game for the Under 13's unfortunately they were defeated by Palmerston Girls Academy, but played extremely well as a team.

Monday 26th March was the Under 15's first game, they defeated Good Sheppard 33 -10. Awesome Work!

I am so proud of the girls coming together as a team and putting Mackillop College on the map!  
Well Done!



Joanne Mullins Under13's  
coach.







Mrs Marie Butt  
Religious Education Coordinator

## EASTER LITURGY

Stations of the Cross at Saint Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral,  
Darwin



## YEAR 7 RE-FAMILY CROSS ASSESSMENT



"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"



Marie Butt—Acting  
Religious Education

## Project Compassion

During Lent we raised \$405 for Project Compassion. It is one way of reaching out to many people who have as their daily realities: distress; hardship; persecution; famine and violence.



## Volunteers Wanted

Presently we are seeking volunteers to cover books. Please contact:

Raelene Whiting on: [raelene.whiting@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:raelene.whiting@nt.catholic.edu.au)

## Socks, Shorts, House Shirts & Hats...

Socks, Shorts, Shirts & Hats are 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.

**Uniform Expectations...**Parents, please check that students are meeting the correct uniform expectations. Unfortunately, unacceptable jewellery, socks, and students with no hats are becoming a common occurrence.

## Staff Profile

### Introducing

## Paul Dimmick Mc



I am excited about being back in The Territory. As the Bishop mentioned on the staff induction day, I believe that God has put me here for a reason, not by accident. My family and I are looking forward the opportunities and challenges ahead!

I completed my Bachelor of Teaching at the Australian Catholic University-

Signadou, Canberra followed by Graduate Diploma in Secondary Education (Technology) at the University of Wollongong. I have previously taught in secondary schools in Darwin, Newcastle, NSW and Wagga Wagga, NSW.

Currently I am the Home Form and SOSE teacher for 7.3 as well as teaching Science and Maths at Yr 7 level. My role as Technology and Design teacher and coordinator, involves developing and delivering classes that will allow students to advance their design capabilities and workshop skills. Areas in which I will be working with students include: timber, metal, electronics and graphics. I will also be working with students interested in pursuing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award through MacKillop Catholic College.

I see MacKillop Catholic College as an exciting place for students to learn about our world and the awesome God who has blessed us with this place... Paul Dimmick Foundation



## News from Around the MacKillop Campus

You're  
Invited



### Commissioning Ceremony

**Date:** Monday 30th April

**Time:** 10.15am (Assembly time)

**Where:** College Library

Morning tea with College  
Leaders to follow.

## Date Claimer !!!!

*Official Blessing & Opening  
of*

*MacKillop Catholic College*

Date: 22nd May, 2012

Time: 9am Mass & Evening Social

Please place this important date in  
your diaries.

## Lead with Courage



## Anzac Day Liturgy



### Invitation to all Parents

Tuesday 24th April 2012

9am

College Library

All Parents are most  
welcome