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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

A sincere thank you to all who attended the Library Working Bees over the past weekends your help is very much appreciated.

Preparations are now underway for those wishing to prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please contact Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Office for details. We ask that you place a note in your diaries noting our Parish Feast Day to be held on Saturday 26th May, starting with Mass at 6pm. Mass will be followed by Feast Day Celebrations. Fr Tom extends a warm welcome to everyone. We wish all Mother's a very Happy Mother's Day this Sunday.



Thank You, Holy Father, for Your special gift of mothers; for the example of Your unconditional love they share with their children.

Thank You for the mother who lets her child know without doubt he or she is loved, and for the child who returns that love.

Lord, today we pray You will protect and guide mothers everywhere; that You will grant them Your wisdom in loving and teaching their children.

Today, may children everywhere remember the warm caresses and whispers in the night; the tears dried and Band-Aids, the peach cobbler, the laughter; and the blood curdling scream, "No!" at the brink of danger.

Thank You for the mothers who played with us, taught us, nurtured us, fed us, listened to us and tried to understand us.

Today, may we remember Mum's beauty when we were young; and her loveliness discovered as we aged.

Lord, today draw especially close the mothers who are alone, for whatever reason; and grant them Your comfort, Your pleasure, Your peace.

And, Lord, for children who are alone, because of distance, death, or indifference, may good memories flood their minds.

And if there is not a good memory, may forgiveness burst forth from their hearts and revive in them long lost joy.

Thank you particularly for phone calls today, and for a shared "I Love You." Today as we honour, celebrate, or simply reflect on the woman who gave us birth, or who adopted us into her heart.

We thank You, Lord, for life, and for Mum! In Jesus name, Amen.

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

LIBRARY NEWS



Raelene Whiting
Library Assistant

Hello from the library,

Well what a fantastic and hectic start to the term, the last two Saturday mornings we have had a working bee to cover books, the response from our plea has been overwhelming and I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all. Thank you to those who have and are taking books home to cover we do appreciate it very much. Also I would like to thank the students who give so freely of their time before school and lunch time to cover corners and books for me. We will be continuing with the working bee for the next few weeks until we have covered all

books. If you could possibly spare some time on Saturday mornings between 8 – 10am this is a fantastic opportunity to meet other parents from our college community and enjoy a coffee and a chat at the same time.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next working bee, thanks.

Mrs Raelene Whiting



News from the Library

A Working Bee



**Every Saturday until
all books are**

Processed.

8am to 10am

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

The Role of the Home Form Teacher

The duties of the Home Form Teacher are both Pastoral and Administrative. They promote a community atmosphere in the Home Form while at the same time ensuring that the students are aware of the day to day organisation and activities of the College.

The Home Form Teacher demonstrates care and concern for their Home Form Group and is committed to and demonstrates support for the values and principles of the College.

The Home Form Teacher is the first port of call and parents should contact them in the first instance.

Parents are encouraged to get to know their son/daughter home form teacher.

Building relationships is a cornerstone that forms a basis of who we are at MacKillop Catholic College.

Tips for good practice:

- Contact your child's Home Form Teachers at least once per month even when everything is progressing nicely;
- Know your Home Form Teacher by name and his/her contact details;
- Inform your son/daughter's Home Form Teacher when there are things happening at home that

may influence your son/daughter's performance/behaviour at school;

- Inform your son/daughter's Home Form teacher when there are things to celebrate. Our assemblies, home forms, and the college newsletter are great avenues for celebration.

When the home and school work well together everything is achievable. Blessings

Lauretta Graham

News From the Religious Education Department

Miss Margaret Hughes, Leader of Catholic Identity CEO visits MacKillop Catholic College



Mrs Marie Butt

Religious Education Coordinator

Miss Margaret Hughes visited the College during a recent assembly and presented a College Cross to our Principal, Mrs Lauretta Graham and Student Leaders: Laura Goodrem, Siobhan Monaghan-Spooner, and Aidan Cross. The cross was created by the very talented women at Daly River.



NET MINISTRY

YEAR 8 Students enjoyed a day out of the College on 26th April. The students joined a group off Year 8's from O'Loughlin Catholic College for a day of reflection presented by the NET Ministry Team. The focus of the day was "WORTH WHAT" and challenged students to reflect on their personal strengths and gifts.

The day was enjoyed by all.



"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"

ANZAC DAY SERVICE at MacKillop Catholic College

The Anzac Day address was presented by Officer Commanding Major Lance Johnson.



Fr Tom & Fr Milton joins the College in a prayerful service to commemorate Anzac Day



ANZAC DAY MARCH PALMERSTON

MacKillop Catholic College Student Leaders Siobhan Monaghan-Spooner and Aidan Cross laid a wreath at the memorial service on behalf of the College Community.

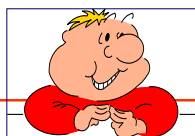


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It's not okay to be away... Nor to be late to school

When students miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time. If your child is away please ring 08 89305757 and register their absence.



Volunteers Wanted

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

Raelene Whiting on: raelene.whiting@nt.catholic.edu.au

Socks, Shorts, House Shirts & Hats...

Socks, Shorts, Shirts & Hats are on sale from the MacKillop Office counter at MCC. 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 Rosie Morgan



My name is **Rosie Morgan** and I graduated from the Australian Catholic University in 1987 majoring in English, History and Religious Education. I have always lived in NSW and have taught in secondary schools in Sydney, Wagga Wagga and Coffs Harbour. Relocating to the Northern Territory has been one of the most exciting changes in my life and I am thrilled to be playing a part in the establishment of this wonderful new college here in Palmerston.

Alongside teaching, I have a great love of learning and I am currently in the final stages of a Graduate Diploma in Ancient History. As well as teaching English, History and Religion, I will be coaching individuals and teams who are keen to participate in debating, public speaking and Tournament of the Minds. My chief goals are to develop in students a desire for knowledge and an enthusiasm for learning. As Year 8 Home-form teacher and English/History Co-ordinator, I look forward with enormous optimism to the undoubtedly challenging but rewarding journey ahead with our exceptional student body and college community. **Rosie Morgan...**

Foundation Staff Member

News from Around the MacKillop Campus

Happy Mother's Day

The College Community
wishes all Mother's a very
happy Mother's day



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



Naplan Reminder !!!

Naplan Testing for all
year 7 & 9 Students

Tuesday 14th &
Wednesday 15th May

Parents, Students must have:

- 2B pencils
- Erasers
- Calculators

Thank you