



**Newsletter** - Wednesday 6th June, 2012

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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**

**Amazing Year of Grace!!!**



Pentecost 2012 marked the beginning of the “Year of Grace” in the Church in Australia. The Year of Grace is an invitation from our Australian Bishops to celebrate and renew our faith and life as Catholics. The Year of Grace

has been like a seed, being watered gently and growing with tender care. It comes from the bishops' reflection over a number of years on the Apostolic letter *Novo Millennio Ineunte* (at the start of the new millennium).

The first thing to note is that this season, above all else, is to be Christ-centered: its motto is “starting afresh in Christ”, or alternatively “contemplating the Face of Christ”. Any activities or practices that we might engage in at MacKillop Catholic College, should be characterized by this approach and oriented towards this goal, namely the deepening of our personal relationship with Christ.

We will take some formal and many informal opportunities personally and as a school community over the next twelve months to contemplate and give thanks for the many instances of God’s grace in our lives.

So what is this word Grace? Whenever St Paul wrote about “grace” he used an ancient Greek root-word: *cháris*. The most basic meaning of *cháris* is this “that which delights”. Grace is a delight for the person who receives it; it is not a difficulty sent to be endured. This suggests, that the word “grace” is closely related to “joy”, which itself may be defined as something good that brings delight. (CAEC 2012) As Bishop Peter Comensoli—Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, wrote: **“A favour cannot be imposed on someone, it can only be offered; a gift cannot be taken from someone, it can only be received. But good giving and good receiving require good communicating”** (CAEC 2012).



**“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love”.**

**Thank You & 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

**Good—Bye & Thank you Mrs Swaddle.**

The College Community this week farewelled Mrs Swaddle and wished her well for her new start in Adelaide. We thank her for her efforts and commitment over the past months.

**SPORTS NEWS FROM KIEREN LINES H& PE & SPORTS COORDINATOR**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of June the school held its inaugural cross country event. The course took in a variety of terrain including foot-paths, dirt track, creek crossing, road running and bush tracks. All students participated with some chasing glory racing competitively and others taking a more leisurely approach to the day walking the course instead. The winners were all very impressive and several students surprised with some great performances. All students will get an opportunity to represent MacKillop College at PARCs Cross Country event on the 14<sup>th</sup> June. Well done to Dale White, Jesse Joseph-Covacin and Nathan Curtis who won spot prizes awarded by teachers for great effort.... Kieren Lines

MacKillop College Cross Country Results 2012		
2000 Girls	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jaz Svensson
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grace Mayfield
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Louise Tusche-Pratt
2000 Boys	1 <sup>st</sup>	De Angelo Canuto
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Felix Robinson
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tommy Vu
1999 Girls	1 <sup>st</sup>	Kate Smith
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Erin Lidbetter
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tenasha Johnson / Carlee Scrymgour
1999 Boys	1 <sup>st</sup>	Leyton Mitchell
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robbie Bull
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shane Venes
1997/8 Girls	1 <sup>st</sup>	Danielle Galea
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hannah Llewellyn
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Siobhan Monaghan-Spooner
1997/8 Boys	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jakob Deigan
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Patrick Reed
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Zac Richards



**PARCS TOUCH DAY**

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May fourteen of MacKillop's finest touch players represented the College at the PARC's Touch Day doing battle with Taminmin, Rosebury and Bachelor Colleges. Despite being younger than most of their opposition the two teams from MacKillop played with great spirit and sportsmanship. Several of MacKillop's players were new to "formal" touch and played outstandingly well, in particular Danielle Galea and Riley Leske. Dale White also deserves a mention for running a training session pre-tournament to explain the rules of touch and helping to guide the more novice players. Several players impressed with their ability with ball in hand especially Waireg Kawiri and Rob Bull. A big thank you to Mr Graham who gave up some time to come and help out.

**Official College Telephone Numbers:**

The following are the official College numbers:

Mobile 0408194775 and Phone: 0889305757 and Fax: 0889305700

**Parents, please note we now have a fax.**



**Lauretta Graham**  
Principal

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**The Importance of Pastoral Care**

The constant discussions surrounding bullying in schools highlights the need for an effective Pastoral Care Policy which addresses the entire operational requirements of our College.

Consulting various documents across the nation we find that Pastoral Care can be defined as: "... means of enhancing the dignity of each person within a Catholic faith community. It is concerned with maximising learning and growth and developing the beliefs, values, attitudes, knowledge, skills and practices to enable all to become inner-directed contributing members of God's creation."

This policy once developed will be supported by our enrolment policy and Classroom Management procedures and practices. Showing Pastoral Care is being concerned with the nurturing and well-

being of all who impact on the College community. If you would like to be part of the development of this policy please contact me at the College.

Without a doubt, the MacKillop Catholic College Community's commitment, dedication and "never say die" attitude has helped us get so far this year against so many odds. It is now time to formalise our communication and forums for decision making with parents and establish our Parents & Friends Association. We have a very active College Board and look forward to a strong and active P & F. Our first P & F Association meeting will be held on Monday 30th July at 7pm in the College Library.

At this meeting we will be electing our

first President, Secretary and Treasurer and 5 committee members.

Looking forward to seeing you there!.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the recent Blessing and Opening of Stage 1 a huge success; fulfilling a dream that has been planned for 10 years. Our politicians and Bishop reflected on the determined spirit of government and the local community. MacKillop will be more than a school; it will be part of our community and lives for many generations. What a great day. Blessings

Lauretta Graham

# News From the Religious Education Department



Mrs Marie Butt  
Religious Education

## *The Spirit of the Living God:*

*ALIVE through the message of Jesus in the Gospels;  
ALIVE in each person & in life-giving relationships of love, care & support;  
ALIVE in learning and teaching as skills and talents are used;  
ALIVE in the partnerships between school, families, parish & community;  
ALIVE in times of grief and sorrow and when things go wrong;  
ALIVE in the spirit of our school as we experience & celebrate God's gift to us.*



*Loving God, send into our hearts and lives your fire of love, the Holy spirit. In the wisdom of the Spirit may we love our family, friends and community, as Jesus would love them. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us. ...Amen*

## 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



As the chill of the dry season descends upon us it is time to give thought to those across the Northern Territory in need of shelter and warmth. If students or families are able to assist with donations of clean, warm pre-loved clothing or blankets these can be delivered to the College and deposited in the box provided.

## St Vincent de Paul Society

### KNIT A BEANIE

MacKillop students and staff will be knitting beanies / scarves for St Vincent de Paul to distribute to people in need of warmth this dry season. If you are able to make donations of wool or needles these can be delivered to the Front Office at the College. If you would like to assist with knitting please contact [marie.butt@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:marie.butt@nt.catholic.edu.au).

### Join Palms on a special Encounter Journey

Palms Australia is a Catholic organisation that has been preparing, placing and supporting Australian volunteers to exchange skills to assist the sustainable development of communities across Africa, Asia and the Pacific. Join Palms on a 12 day Encounter journey across Timor-Leste to experience Timorese culture, learn about its history and learn about social justice and development from our Australian volunteers in the field. Travel with a small group of 8-10 participants, a member of Palms staff and a local guide. Spaces are available for 24 Sept-6 Oct 2012 Encounter, with more Encounters to be held in 2013. For more info contact Sarah on 02-9518 9551 or [sarah@palms.org.au](mailto:sarah@palms.org.au) or visit [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)



**Thank you** to all those who helped make the Opening & Blessing of Stage 1 a huge success.... Marie Butt

# MacKillop Catholic College Blessing & Opening of Stage 1

The Blessing & Opening of MacKillop Catholic College held on the 22nd May, 2012.



The Blessing and Opening of Stage 1 of MacKillop Catholic College was a wonderful celebration for our school community.

Set high on the hill, surrounded by the natural bush land, looking both toward the rising and the setting sun this is truly a place God has created for us. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful place in which to fan the flames of learning in our students.



**Good news for the Science Department** Congratulations Mrs Dorgelo,

Your application for a National Science Week Grant has been successful. Well Done

“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”

## News from the ICT Department

We really appreciate continuing support from parents with our 1:1 laptop program. I am delighted to report that majority of our students meet our expectations in using this learning device to support and enhance their learning.

- It is the responsibility of each student to charge his/her laptop at home every night.
- Any technical issue with the laptop/battery it should be reported ASAP.
- A form that is available at the front office and leave the laptop with the form for Mrs Arakkal to check
- If it is sent to Dell to repair students can borrow a spare laptop to use in the classroom.
- Spare laptops will not be provided for students if they leave their laptop at home, and or they don't charge.
- Spare laptop home cannot be taken home. When they use a spare laptop students should their work to their Flash Drive.
- Students to take good care of their laptops, report technical issues and charge them regularly.

Always happy to discuss with parents if they have any concerns\queries and or positive feedback.

Thank you Mrs Arakkal

## 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)

**Uniform Expectations...**Parents, please check that students are meeting the College Uniform Expectations.

## Staff Profile

## Introducing Kieren Lines



### My name is Kieren Lines

Hello to everyone. My name is Kieren Lines and I am the year 8/9 and HPE coordinator at MacKillop College. I also have the great pleasure of teaching History, HPE, RE and English to 7.1 and year 9.

I was absolutely thrilled to get the opportunity to come to Darwin and be part of the beginnings of a new school and the experience so far has been fantastic. It is great to finally be in the new building and seeing the school developing day to day.

My last job was in Dunedin, New Zealand and before that I spent 4 years in Katherine at St Joseph's College.

When I was younger I played a lot of rugby and cricket and being a Kiwi follow the All Blacks very closely, although the NZ cricket team is a much harder team to support!

Most of my time now is taken up with 2 young daughters and parks and ballet practices something I really enjoy being part of.

No doubt there will be plenty more challenges ahead but MacKillop College is a great place to be.

Kieren Lines

## News from Around the MacKillop Campus

**Parents & Friends**

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YOU ARE MOST  
WELCOME

Date: Mon 30th July, 2012

At: 7pm

*MacKillop Catholic College*

Track & Field

Carnival !!!!

**Date: 21st June, 2012**

Please place this important date in your diaries and come to help out on the day.

Lead with Courage



Fee Reminder !!!

Music Tuition & Rental

Fees are now due

Please, do not hesitate to contact the College if you require information on payment options.

Thank you

David Graham