



Newsletter - Wednesday 1st August, 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!!!



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

Welcome back to all parents, staff and students. It is my pleasure to welcome you to a new term and a new semester at our College. In particular we welcome our new students and their families. A semester of study, learning, teaching and professional and personal development. We have an excellent platform (developed in term 2) to build on. I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday time.

New terms or new years always remind me of our commitment to be inclusive and welcoming people. People of community and discipleship. Jesus constantly challenges us to welcome all people. Let us start this term by committing to valuing each interaction and each relationship whether it be with colleagues, students or parents. As Mary MacKillop’s prayer states: “Create in us, O God, a new heart and renew a fresh spirit within us. Let us pray:

Albert Einstein once wrote: “the most beautiful and profound emotion we can experience is the sensation of the mystical”. We are on a mystical mysterious journey. Catholic schools, especially our school is a place where the mystical is nurtured. The mystical image may seem a long way from the chaos sometimes experienced on the ground at school. Catholic human service provides the space in society for the “things of the world” to connect with the mystical or God-centred world. This mystical voice calls us to freedom, dignity, respect, love and concern. It is about making the ordinary things of life sacred by the way we do them.

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

Welcome Mrs Kate Middleton.

The College Community this week welcomed Mrs Kate Middleton as the new College Secretary and Office Manager. Please drop in and say hello to Kate.

SPORTS NEWS FROM KIEREN LINES H& PE & SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR



Sport once again is all go this term with several exciting things underway. Our swim squad has begun training on Tuesday nights coached by John Katal. Students are being offered PARCS softball and an AFL competition this term. We will also be completing our athletics carnival with the inter-house relays, these will decide the final house placings. Exciting times also with school PE. Our new gym is almost up and running with several brand new cardio machines and a good range of weight equipment. The oval will also be available soon for PE classes on which we can use all our brand new PE equipment!

We look forward to a great term.

Regards

Kieren Lines—Head of Sport & PE



We Welcome our new students:

- Bryce Brady-Bye
- Jade Brady-Bye
- Bailey Chircop-Lolias
- Bailey Doedee
- Jake Downes
- Ethan Hunt
- Savannah Mayers
- Jakob Murray
- Emma Peters
- Teegan Wattam

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.



Laretta Graham
Principal

News from around the Campus

Well, it is so lovely to be finally occupying the whole College Campus. Six months late! However, in 12 months time it will be just a detail most will forget. There was a real sense of peace and calmness about the campus last week and it is our plan to continue this atmosphere. We noticed that students were finding their own place and enjoying the company of friends.

The staff are now busy planning the term's Academic Programs and organising various excursions and activities.

One of the highlights early in the term will be our Feast Day. Be sure to put Wednesday 8th August in your diary, MacKillop Feast Day. Invitations will be sent out this week.

We welcome Mrs Kate Roach to our College for five weeks this term to work with our teachers in developing Australian Curriculum Programs in English, Science, History & Mathematics. Please make her welcome.

Reports were sent out last week. I hope you enjoyed reading these. We encourage parents to contact class teachers if you wish to discuss any details contained in these reports.

Our College Tour was a huge success with over two hundred people enjoying their time looking through our new classrooms. If you missed this special occasion please ring the office and we will be more than happy to show you around.

Looking forward to seeing you at P & F Association Meetings and at various Activities and Functions.

Regards
Laretta Graham
Principal

News From the Religious Education Department



FEAST DAY of SAINT MARY of the CROSS MACKILLOP. WEDNESDAY 8TH AUGUST.

This week as we prepare to celebrate our first College Feast Day we reflect on the work and life of our Patron Saint. Mary MacKillop devoted her life to the service of others, particular through serving the poor and in establishing schools in disadvantaged communities. Mary's work is an inspiration to all of us to work for social justice, to strive to always be our best, to be courageous in the face of challenges, to show compassion and to serve God humbly.

Mary, your dream in life was to live your love for God in a very real way.

Help us to bring God's love alive in our daily lives.

Dear God,

*May we face our struggles with the same tenacity and courage as Mary,
Never giving up in the face of adversity and never showing animosity towards those
challenging us.*

May we continue to persevere even when our difficulties seem insurmountable.

May we help those in need and exhibit compassion to them.

May we remain loyal to our mission and support those working with us.

At all times we need to keep faith in God. Amen



Mrs Marie Butt
Religious Education Coordina-

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

MacKillop Serves the Community



As the chill of the dry season descends upon us it is time to give thought to those across the Northern Territory 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.

KNIT A MCC BEANIE for those in need...

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.

We Welcome Paul Dimmick as our new Year 8 Co-ordinator

Message from Mr Dimmick



When I was approached by Mrs Graham about taking on the role of Year Co-ordinator my answer was immediately "Yes"! I am excited about working with this dynamic group of young people.

As Year 8 Co-ordinator, my main focus is to ensure all students are working towards their potential in our core business- education. However, the physical, spiritual and emotional health of the students is also extremely important.

I look forward to working in partnership with parents in order for all students in the year to reach their goals and potential.

If you have any enquiries or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me at the College.
paul.dimmick@nt.catholic.edu.au



Important Message - Majority of our students are looking after their laptops and some of the laptops are in pristine condition. Thank you for this. **Students should use their laptop bag to protect their laptops. They should not keep their laptop in their back pack. Teachers have the right to confiscate student laptops if they bring it to class with out bags. Our expectations are:**

- The Laptop is a learning tool and that should not be the cause for distractions.
- Ensure that you look after your laptops: I am not expecting sticky and dirty screens and key boards
- Students report to the office if they have technical issues with the laptops.
- If the frames are off at the back report it straight away.
- **Charge your laptops every night.**
- You are not expected to charge your laptop at school. You can keep your A/C adapter or battery charger at home.
- If you bring your battery charger to school you should not keep it in your laptop bag, this causes dents on the laptop surface.
- If students misplace or lose the charger they are responsible to pay for the replacement. Thank you

Vanaja Arakal—ICT Manager

News from the Swimming Coach—John Katal



MCC SWIMMING NEWS

Swimming Squad Training has been going since March and has resumed this Semester.

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3:45—5-15pm

Total Cost for 10 weeks training:
\$30

This cost covers pool entry, lane hire, coaching fee, admin and incidentals.

Venue: Palmerston Pool

What to Bring: A smile, towel, bathers, goggles, drink bottle and a light snack (e.g. fruit)

Our squad is coached by the fully qualified and professional Mr John Katal

Come join our squad. This is a great way to improve your fitness and swimming skills.

For further information please contact Mr Kieren Lines (MacKillop Catholic College Sports Co-ordinator)

Blessings

Mr John Katal—Swimming Coach



News from the Science Department



Now that we are using the completed Stage One it is a delight to be able to use our full range of Science equipment available. Year 7 classes are completing their studies of

plants on the historic site and should by now have submitted their identikit sheet for assessment. The next unit of work focusses on Forces. Year 8 has been the first class to use the gas supply and has undertaken a range of chemical reactions. They should be able to tell you how the colours are created in the Olympics fireworks. Year 9 is completing their studies of minerals and will move quickly into a chemistry unit.

Vicki Dorgelo



Wanted Please

Presently, we are seeking donations of glass jars for Visual Arts and indoor plants for the office. Please contact: Laretta Graham

Staff Profile

Introducing Kate Middleton



Hi, my name is Kate Middleton, and no, I'm not related to the "other Kate Middleton" who lives in Buckingham Palace! Although I have had my name A LOT LONGER than she has! I have recently joined the hard-working team in the front office of Mackillop Catholic College.

My role will be first point of contact for parents, students and visitors, enrolments, first aid, updating our student data system and "Minister for anything else needed"!

My husband and I have moved to a property in Virginia, rural Darwin, after 34 years in Katherine! Time for a change – I spent the last 13 years in the front office at St Joseph's Catholic College in Katherine so I do come with a little bit of experience! I am looking forward to meeting you all, so please call in and say hello.

School Closure

Rev Dr Elio Capra SDB: Catholic Identity Day –
"Echoes of the Dreamtime – Scripture Alive and Active"

Monday 3 September



News from Around the MacKillop Campus

Parents & Friends

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YOU ARE MOST
WELCOME

Date: Mon 13th Aug 2012

At: 7pm

MacKillop Catholic
College

Feast Day!!!

Date: Weds 8th Aug

Please place this important date in your diaries. Detailed invitations to follow.



Fee Reminder !!!

Unless a payment plan has already been negotiated with Mrs Graham

SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW DUE.

Payments can be made at the School Office between 8.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday by cash, cheque or Eftpos. Credit Card payments can be made over the phone or electronic payments can be made directly into the school bank account.

BSB: 065901 Account: 10875927
Please include the surname as a reference.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Business Manager, Michelle Chambers on: 08 89305705.