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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".**

**Thank You & Blessings to you.** What an exciting couple of weeks at MacKillop Catholic College. With feast days, bridge building competitions, footie matches against St John's College, the election of a fantastic inaugural Parents & Friends Executive under the leadership of Dennis Matthews, and of course the disco. Now the whole College prepares for year level camps.

Staff and parents work tirelessly to build a strong and lasting sense of community for all members of our college community with an abundance of opportunities for involvement, participation and celebration of who we are. 'Community' is at the heart of the Catholic tradition. For two thousand years people have come together in community to share the story of Jesus, to nurture and strengthen each other, and to commit themselves to continuing his mission. Our Catholic school philosophy embraces this sense of community, evidenced by the positive relationships which exist between families, parishes and schools. The election of a Parents & Friends Association will strengthen this work across the campus. Whenever we speak to students, parents or staff you receive the overwhelming message that people are happy with the development of all aspects of our College to date.

Congratulations to all students who do, day after day, wear their uniform with pride. However, during my daily strolls around our beautiful campus I cannot but notice the same few students who constantly do not wear their uniform correctly. I ask that parents who do have difficulties with uniform to please contact the College and together we can sort this out. Uniforms worn well demonstrate individual student's respect in themselves and a strong sense of pride in the school. With the warmer months approaching there is little need for cardigans. On the odd occasion when they are still needed please ensure that cardigans are no other than plain navy blue. Your attention to these details are appreciated. **Thank You & Blessings.**

*Lauretta Graham, Principal*

## STUDENT VACANCIES — ENROL NOW!

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

## Combined Catholic Schools Concert

**"That's Life"**

**Tickets available at the Front Office—be quick running out fast!**

**"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"**

## Sports News from Kieren Lines PE & Sports Co-ordinator

### RUGBY LEAGUE NEWS FROM DAVID GRAHAM

Last week our students were busy representing MacKillop Catholic College playing rugby league against St John's Catholic College. Our boys were involved in the first of what we hope to be many rugby league clashes between the 2 schools. Our boys played courageously, however, went down to St John's. All boys are keen to play better and train harder in the lead up to their next in 2 weeks! It was great to see parental and staff support at the game. Please feel welcome to come along and support our teams as we continue throughout the year.

Details of our next match:

**MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE VS ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE –**

**FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST 2012 on the middle school field. Kick off at 3:40pm.**



Last Friday some of our fastest and fearless girls and boys went to the PARCS Softball Competition held at Good Shepherd Lutheran College, along with teams from Roseberry, Kormilda and Durack Primary.

Our team played several matches and represented MacKillop Catholic College well! They had a good time and learnt new skills - and look forward to more opportunities in the future!



### 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.**



**Laurretta Graham**  
Principal

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### News from around the Campus

Please support the first Parents & Friends' fund raiser on Friday. **Breakfast on the Go!** Many parents have put in a considerable number of hours organising this event and we look forward to it being a huge success.

Food preparation: 6:30am onwards. Your help would be appreciated. Please advertise this great Father's Day treat to all your friends.

On Sunday it is Father's Day. On behalf of all at our College we wish all fathers and grandfathers a wonderful Father's Day.



Camps and Retreats are great opportunities for students to get to know each other. At MacKillop Catholic College these are compulsory activities and it is for this reason that the costs are incorporated into fees. It is important that parents set a time to see me if it is questionable whether their son/daughter will be attending the camps program next week. The aims of the Retreats & Camps Program at MacKillop include:

- To learn to know yourself and enjoy yourself.
- To build better relationships between members of our community.
- To build a stronger community spirit.
- To strengthen your relationship with God.

Regards **Laurretta Graham - Principal**



**Confirmation:** Come join our sacramental program. Sessions started this week Sunday 26th August and will continue each Sunday until 7th October

with Father Tom English. Sessions start at 5pm each week followed by the regular 6pm Sunday Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church.

**CONFIRMATION MASS** will be celebrated by Bishop Eugene Hurley on Saturday 13th October at 6pm Mass.

Candidates can be in Year 6 or above. Please contact the College or Father Tom for more details.

In the next few weeks, we will be having a "Tinnies for Vinnies" drive at the College.

Students will be encouraged to help those less fortunate by donating canned foods for St Vincent de Paul.



Mrs Marie Butt  
Assistant Principal RE

## St Vincent de Paul

There is a Donation Bin for the St Vincent de Paul Society located on the upper level of our College.

If you have clean clothes or household linen you no longer need they can be deposited in the bin at any time.

**Congratulations**

Mrs Butt on your appointment as APRE

## 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

## Class Religious Education Programs

This term Year 7 has been looking at different forms of Prayer and students have been publishing their own Prayer Books.

Year 8 and 9 are studying the Social Justice and Moral Decision Making.

## CLASS MASSES

Class masses are scheduled each Monday morning at 9.30am. Father Tom will be saying mass for each class. Below are the times for the remainder of this Term.

Parents and other community members are most welcome to join us for these masses.

Week 6 Monday 26th August— Home form 7.2

Week 8 Monday 10th September—Home form 7.3

Week 9 Monday 17th September—Home forms 8.1 and 8.2

Week 10 Monday 24th September—Home form 9.1

## Sacrament of Confirmation

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Palmerston  
Sessions Sunday 26th August—7th October 2012

with Parish Priest, Father Tom English

5.00pm in the Presbytery, 34 Emery Avenue, Woodroffe, before 6.00pm Mass

**Confirmation Mass Celebrated - By Bishop Eugene Hurley**

Saturday evening 13th October 1t 6.00pm

Candidates can be Year 6 or older. Enquiries to Father Tom English on 89323922 or MacKillop Catholic College on 89305757 or Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School on 89322888



## Your Favourite Recipe is Needed!

There is no doubt people from this part of the world are certainly good cooks and enjoy their food.

As a way of getting to know each other and sharing what we do best. I ask that all those with excellent recipes that work every time send them to us to share with the entire College Community. We will compose a recipe book as a Christmas gift as well as publish them, one per

fortnight in our newsletters.



**Please email your recipe to:**

[lauretta.graham@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lauretta.graham@nt.catholic.edu.au)

**Thank you**



### Music Department News From David Graham Instrumental Music Co-ordinator



Preparations are being finalised for MacKillop's Inaugural involvement in the Combined Catholic Schools Concert. This year MacKillop will be

represented by a group of year 7 students who will display their music and drama skills to a packed Darwin Entertainment Centre audience. I encourage you to support your children and attend this great Catholic school event. Students and staff from across all 12 Catholic schools have been working quite hard in order to prepare an enjoyable concert for all.

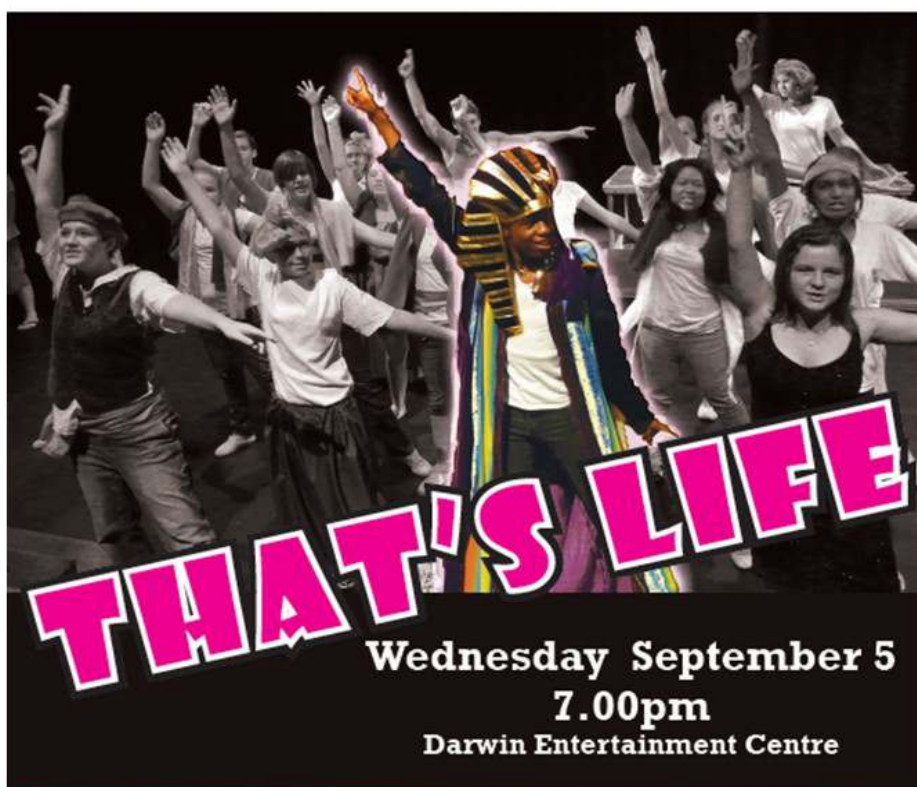
Tickets are available from:  
MacKillop Catholic College office.

**Limited tickets available!  
GET IN QUICK!**

**\$18 ADULTS & \$12 CHILDREN**

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## 2012 Combined Catholic Schools Concert



### TICKETS

Contact your school

### PRICES

\$18 for adults and \$12 for children



## A Message from the 1st P&F Committee President Mr Dennis Matthews

The parents & Friends Committee is a group of dedicated and caring people who want to make a positive change to the facilities and surroundings available to students and staff at MacKillop Catholic College.

We will work with the Catholic Council, the College and students to identify projects aht we can realistically change to enhance learning & social skills of the students.

Our aim is to raise funds for required items and to organize & participate in improving the environment for students & staff at the College.

We will organize & operate

‘working bees’ and other negotiated events! For the future, we will consider operating the College Cafeteria and selling College Uniforms. These activities are fund raising items with profits going to benefit the students.

Not all funds will be sought directly from you. We understand that ere are financial limits on all families we will conduct external fund raising events, supported by local companies and organizations, to increase our financial position.

But the P&F is a small group. The P&F can’t do it all by

themselves. That’s where WE can assist! The parents and friends of the students & College had & CAN achieve GREATER things!

We will ask you to join us, occasionally, for working bees. We will ask you to join us in cake stalls or BBQs or Bingo Nights.

The benefits are for the students! Our children! We won’t ask often and we won’t ask for much, BUT WE WILL ASK! Please stand with us and help us build a strong

*College & Community*



## Calendar of Coming Events

### August

31st Breakfast on the GO!  
P&F Fundraiser!

### September

3rd Pupil Free Day  
3rd-7th College Camps  
10th P&F Meeting  
17th College Board Meeting  
20th Prayer at MCC  
28th LAST DAY OF TERM 3!

### October

8th 1ST DAY OF TERM 4!  
13th Sacrament of confirmation



## Prayers for our College in our Chapel

### College Chapel

**For those who may not know our College has a small Chapel on the first floor at the top of the main stairs.**

**The Chapel provides a quiet place for reflection and prayer and is open whenever staff are on site. Parents and community members are welcome to join us**



## Requests for Student Leave & Leave Confirmation

Parents are requested to make application in writing to the Principal in advance for their son/daughter for any extended leave from normal class time. This includes families taking extra time for family holidays before or after the designated school holidays and those who intending to be away on the last few days of term.

All other leave (illness, etc. should be notified to the Home Form Teacher or Year Coordinator. **PLEASE PHONE 89305757** and leave a message with Mrs Middleton



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#### ACCOUNTANT/SENIOR BOOKKEEPER

The Catholic Diocese of Darwin is seeking a suitably qualified Accountant/Senior Bookkeeper to play an integral part in the financial administration of the Diocese. To be considered for this role you must have:

- A minimum of 2 years experience in Finance procedures
- Expertise in MYOB
- Microsoft Office Products
- Qualifications in Accounting or Bookkeeping

Please direct all enquiries to the Business Manager on email: [dddf@darwin.catholic.org.au](mailto:dddf@darwin.catholic.org.au)

Applications close at the COB on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

## News from the Year Co-ordinators!



### College Camps 2012

It is now only a short time until we go on school camp and by now all students should have returned their camp forms.

This year our College Camp is at Base Camp Wallaroo, 70 km East of Darwin on the Arnhem Highway. The activities will be run by the highly qualified staff from Adventure Bound.

The Camps are being held in Week 7. The Year 7 group is departing on Monday afternoon the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September at 3pm and returning by 3pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of September. The Year 8 and 9 group will be departing the College at 8.40am on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September and returning on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September by 3pm.

The camp provides many opportunities for students to challenge themselves physically, times to reflect and pray and time to bond with their fellow students.

If you have any questions regarding Camp please direct them to me via email at [marie.butt@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:marie.butt@nt.catholic.edu.au).



## News from the Science Department

Vicki Dorgelo  
Head of Science

The excitement around the school was infectious recently when our Year 8 team, 'The Hard Hats' returned from the Aurecon Bridge Building contest, brandishing an over-sized cheque for \$500. In our first foray into inter-school competition our team emerged with a third place in the NT section of the competition. The team, comprising **Jakob Deigan, Angus Bryan** and **Dustin Carter** constructed a model bridge that would support a load of close to 15 kilograms. They also won \$50.00 each for their efforts.

There will be a workshop presented by CSIRO on Nanotechnology for Year 9s in coming weeks.



### Around the classes:

Year 7 students are currently investigating forces and friction with a construction-based assessment task to be issued this week. Year 8 is studying Geology and will also receive their next task, an analysis of an ore sample, this week. Year 9 has begun the research for their Radiation assignment.

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## Staff Profile

Introducing  
**Danyelle Kelly**



Hi everyone,



My name is Danyelle Kelly and I am the new Homeform 7.3 teacher. I am a first year teacher and my main subject areas are Drama, English and Theology (RE). I am also the NT Youth Representative for St Vincent de Paul and am a keen advocate for those in need. I will create a St Vincent de Paul group for those students who wish to volunteer and help those

in the community. To live a happy and healthy life is also a motto of mine and I add to this by playing basketball, touch football and practicing yoga. Last year I was studying in California at a Jesuit University called Santa Clara University and this opportunity created a love of culture that I foster in my classroom. I look forward to meeting everyone and being a part of the MacKillop Catholic College community.

**Foundation Staff Member**

## School Closure

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



## News from Around the MacKillop Campus

### Parents and Friends Association

Apologies

Sausage sizzle  
\$2.50!

Next  
between 7:00am and 8:30am ...

**It's Breakfast ...  
On The Go!**

**Mackillop Catholic College**

**Drop in / Drive-Thru  
Breakfast**

- Bacon/Egg Sanga \$4
- Sausage Sizzle \$2
- Hot or Cold Drink \$1

### Fee Reminder !!!

**Family School Fee Statements sent out last week!**

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.



## From the English Department by Miss Rosie Morgan



**Spelling is Fun!**

Dear Parents, carers and friends,

I am very keen to improve the spelling and language skills of our students here at MacKillop and, in doing it in a fun and interesting way. I have been engaging my students in years 7-9 in class spelling bees on a regular basis and I would like to extend these informal bees into year level and college competitions with a long term view to competing in the Ozspell National Challenge held annually in Sydney. OZSPELL encourages students to explore the English language and to become passionate about words while learning the art of spelling. Students expand their vocabulary, which improves communication and comprehension skills whilst developing their confidence and self-

expression. Ozspell is the largest and most visible educational-based competition in Australia, open to students aged 10-14 years. Since its inception in 2002, Ozspell has received over 80,000 entries from school students Australia-wide. Sheba Nandkeolya BA(Hons), MBA, one of Ozspell's patrons says the one critical factor which helped her make new friends and do well in school was her grasp of the English language. Her personal experience strengthened her belief that the word is key to success in life, be it in the personal sphere or business sphere. Sheba believes "... the OzSpell Challenge is the best initiative for childhood years. Spelling and command of the English language assist in

building a global citizen." It is for these reasons that I would like to encourage students and their families to become a part of this challenge. Interested students will need to first register online at [www.ozspell.com.au](http://www.ozspell.com.au) at a one-off cost of \$8.80 which will give them access to spelling programmes, vocabulary lists, competition news etc. I have registered MacKillop Catholic College and I am seeking the support of parents in encouraging their children to participate. I look forward to developing over the next twelve months an enthusiastic and articulate body of competitors for the 2013 challenge. Thank you  
Rosie Morgan

## Music and liturgy workshop with Fr Rob Galea

Explore the gift of music and its role in the life + liturgy of our Church  
with one of the most talented Catholic songwriters in Australia today

Monday 3rd September, 7:15 - 9:30 pm  
Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Casuarina

**Cost:** \$20 or \$15 if you register by 30th Aug  
to [youth@darwin.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@darwin.catholic.org.au) or 8946 2822



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# Congratulations!

To our First P&F Executive and Committee:

Dennis Matthews

**President**

Narelle Goodrem

**Vice President**

Harold Carter: **Treasurer**

Sheree Russell: **College Board Representative**

## **Committee Members:**

Janell Barham

Bernadette Perry

Darren Flanagan

Cas Spooner

Vince Collins

### ***HELP NEEDED IN THE CANTEEN!***

We are looking for volunteers to help us in the Canteen. Mums, Dads, Carers, Grandparents and Friends are all welcome to come along and help out. Volunteers are always highly valued and recognized for the important role they play in the running of the canteen at school. Your children will enjoy seeing you at school! The canteen opens from 11am-11.20am for recess and 12.55pm-1.25pm for lunch. The law requires any person either working with or volunteering with children to hold an ochre card (Working with Children Card). If you can help in any way please contact us at the front office on 89305757 between 8am and 4pm

### **Uniform Shop Matters**

**School jumpers:** During the cooler weather, students should wear the College plain blue school jumper, should they require warmer clothing. These are available to be purchased from the school office at a cost of \$25. these can be purchased by either calling the front office on 89305757 and making payment via eftpos or sending payment together with the size you require.

As the weather is well and truly warming up jumpers will not be needed for some while! But.. Get ready for next Dry Season!