



Newsletter - Week 10 - March 2013, ISSUE 4

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Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Community,

We congratulate and thank the staff and students for the preparations made for the Holy Week Liturgy last Thursday, in particular the year 10 students and the year 9's that stepped up at the last moment, well done. Through this liturgy, the re-enactment of the events before Easter, we were drawn into the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. Through the use of drama and music all present were given an active experience of the most important events of the Catholic faith in a way that was meaningful to them. These prayerful events are the highlights of our Catholic community. We thank the many students, staff and parents who walked the 25kms with other parish and community members to the Cathedral from Palmerston on Good Friday Morning. This was a powerful way to journey with Christ on Good Friday. In particular, we thank Mr Harold Carter and Dustin (Yr 9) who organised the pilgrimage. Most of the 60 attendees were from MacKillop people.

Following on from this I draw your attention to Pope Francis' message posted by St Mary's Press: "During the Easter mass the 76-year-old Francis, wearing relatively plain white vestments - as opposed to the more elaborate robes preferred by his predecessors - delivered a simple homily recounting the Bible story of the women who went to Jesus's tomb but were surprised to find it empty. He urged his listeners not to be "afraid of God's surprises," never to lose confidence during the trials and tribulations of daily life, and, if they have strayed, to let God back into their lives.

"Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms," he said, speaking in Italian.

"If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do," he said.



"Never see a need without trying to do something about it"

This is certainly good advice for us. Blessings to all this Easter Season.

Lauretta Graham, Principal

An Easter Blessing for You

May the love of the risen Lord draw you to himself
 May the power of the risen Lord strengthen you in god's service.
 May the joy of the risen Lord fill your spirit
 May the life of the risen Lord raise you to new life this day.
...High Mountains, Deep valleys,
 Edited by Rowland Croucher and Grace Thomlinson

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Laretta Graham
Principal

Welcome to Term 2!

Welcome to Term 2 at MacKillop. I hope everyone has had a restful and peaceful Easter break and is now enjoying the having children home for another week during stand down. We have a lot to look forward to this coming Term. The calendar is certainly packed. The Term 2 planner detailing the events for the next ten weeks will be sent home shortly.

Building on the MacKillop Catholic College culture where students and teachers continuously engage in the positive interactions necessary for learning, I particularly ask that this term we all concentrate on making each minute in each classroom count and that all students arrive on time, dressed correctly, with the right equipment ready for work. As the college gradually fills to capacity, we want to ensure that those sitting in our classrooms are positively contributing to the learning atmosphere and not just denying others the opportunity to be an active and contributing part of our community. I ask that parents check that their sons and daughters have their books, equipment, and uniforms (including a hat) ready for the term ahead. Please ensure that students get enough sleep, get up early enough to have breakfast and prepare a lunch for the day. We seem to have an increasing number of students arrive at school without these essentials. If for any reason you have difficulty organising the above please contact me. During next term we hope to waste less time on management issues and more on learning.

We farewell and thank Mr Conor Trouw for his time at MacKillop. The College community wishes him well in his new position as Librarian. Conor has been an excellent resource in the area of SOSE and has developed a strong interest in all things associated with History; thank you Conor and all the best for the future. Having a real archeologist at our school even for just a term has been wonderful.

As Easter people, we believe in new beginnings, giving us opportunities to improve and perform better in all aspects of our lives. We pray that with the joys of the resurrection in our lives we can improve holistically as people, and rise to the challenges of this new Term.

The Easter Season extends for 6 weeks after Easter. MacKillop College wishes everyone in our community a life enriching Easter Season.

College Fees

Thank you to those families who have already paid or made arrangements to pay fees! A **REMINDER** will be sent out early in Term 2!

Michelle Chambers
Business Manager

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES TERM 2: WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS
2.30PM-4.30PM



**Marie Butt
APRE**

From the RE Department

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you for the great effort in raising funds for CARITAS AUSTRALIA's PROJECT COMPASSION.

It was wonderful to see classes working together to support such a worthy cause. At present the combined total raised by our College is \$1383.20.

YEAR 7 EASTER CROSSES

The Year 7 students have been researching the significance of the CROSS as a symbol of the Church season of LENT and EASTER. Students completed a research assignment where they investigated different cross designs. They then designed and made their own 3 Dimensional Cross. This process gave students to opportunity to involve family members in helping to construct the cross and to discuss the significance of the cross as a religious symbol. These Crosses were blessed by Father Milton and Father Tom at a special prayer gathering prior to Easter. Students then took their cross home to become the focal point of their family prayer at Easter.



YEAR 10 HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY

The Year 10 Religious Education class assisted by a number of Year 9 students as well as Mr Graham and the College Choir prepared and presented the Holy Thursday Liturgy for our College. This was a major Assessment Task for the students involved. The students re-enacted Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the betrayal of Jesus, the Last Supper, the scene of Jesus's Agony in the Garden and the arrest of Jesus and Peter's denial of him. This was a very moving presentation. Father Tom and father Milton then led the College in the Holy Thursday Liturgy.





Some of
the Year
7 Easter
Crosses





David Graham
Rugby League Coach



MacKillop Catholic College Rugby League Excellence Program

Welcome back to another exciting year of rugby league at MacKillop Catholic College. This year we're bigger and better with the inclusion of some fiery new year 7 students! Training times for 2013 are as follows:

Wednesday: 3.15pm-4.00pm

Friday: P7 (P.C Time)

Congratulations to all our boys for posting our first ever wins! Your ability to pull together as a team and grind out positive results is something to be very proud of. Well done!

Recent Rugby League Results:

Rugby League PARCS 10's

Batchelor def. MacKillop: 14 - 6

Rosebery def. MacKillop: 10 - 6

MacKillop def. Taminmin: 14 - 10

MacKillop def. Good Sheppard: 8 - 4

MacKillop def. Kormilda: 10 - 8

U15 Rugby League Team

MacKillop def. St Johns: 30 - 8

Huge congratulations to our 3 newest NT TITANS!

Luke Morgan-Doherty
Mitchell Purcell
Keanu Lee-Feeney



Nathan Hindmarsh

NRL ONE COMMUNITY TALK

Nathan Hindmarsh and Petero Civoniceva will visit MacKillop Catholic college on Thursday 2nd May 2013 from 1.45pm - 2.30pm to talk to the students about bullying within schools

Can you please put this in your calendar, should be a great afternoon with 2 of this country's finest ex-professional athletes



Petero Civoniceva

Rugby League Calendar

01/04/13-02/04/13	NT School Trials
01/05/13	MCC vs SJCC
02/05/13	NRL One Community Talk
26/05/13-28/05/13	Katherine Trip





Rachel Butt
Inclusion Support
Coordinator

Inclusion Support News

AUTISM & ASPERGERS SUPPORT GROUPS
meetings will be held at the offices of Ken Vowles at Rapid Creek Business Village. Call Merry for details at 8948-4424

Support Group for families with Needs
Wednesday 17th April
6.00pm—7.00pm
At MacKillop in the Blue Room
Come along for a chat and a cuppa!



Stella Wallis
Inclusion Support
Officer

St Francis of Assisi School Early Learning Centre

Quality Early Childhood Education in a rural setting

We currently have vacancies
Full time and part time available
Open 7am-5.45pm
\$300 per week or \$72.50 per day
Childcare benefits apply
Please see Miss Jen or phone 89882821

Calendar of Coming Events

April
8th - 12th Holidays



15th April 2013
First Day of Term 2

May
2nd May
NRL One Community Guest Speakers 1.45-2.30
14-17 May
NAPLAN Testing
30th May
Trischools tournament Rugby League U15yrs
31st May
College Athletics Carnival



June
2nd June
Music Camp
7th June
Sacred Heart Feast Day
10th June
Queen's Birthday Holiday

21st June
LAST DAY OF TERM 2

22nd July
1st DAY OF TERM 3