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“Never see a need without trying to do something about it”

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Vision Statement

As a faith community with Christ as our focus we, like Mary MacKillop, follow Him and inspire:



- Strong, clear minds which value learning;
- Compassionate hearts; and,
- Courageous spirits to serve others with confidence.

“If we love one another, Christ lives in us” (1 John 4:12)

Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Community,

On behalf of the MacKillop Community I wholeheartedly welcome our many new and continuing families to our College, for 2013. This year we consider ourselves blessed to have a number of new staff. We welcome: Mrs Mountford (Deputy Principal—Academic Studies); Mrs Pauline Watson (SOSE Coordinator); Ms Melanie Voakes (Sports & Yr 10 Coordinator); Mr Kirwan Thorbjornson (Mathematics Coordinator); Mr Christopher Trevillion (PE & Yr 8 Coordinator); Ms Rachel Butt (Special Needs Coordinator); Miss Lauren Hill (Youth Worker & Chaplain); Mr Tim Francis (Yr 7 Coordinator); Mrs Sheerri Bryers (Visual Arts Coordinator); Mrs Trisha Dowling; Mr Andrew Pawley; Ms Zoe Saliba; Mr Connor Trouw; Mr Sam Gibbs and Mr Daniel Yore. In one short week, I have seen, on so many occasions, enthusiastic teachers preparing student-centred curriculum that is balanced and truly relational. Teachers teaching a curriculum that touches the imagination of children who, in turn, continually surprise and delight us with unexpected outcomes. Congratulations to our teachers on a great start to 2013 and congratulations to our students who have settled in so well to their new year of study.

As we move into 2013 we treasure the caring community that has been created at MacKillop. Here the stress is on growth and development, on relationships, and on learning with and for each other. A caring community just does not happen. It is intentionally created by people who deliberately include others. Over the next few weeks parents and teachers will enjoy a series of information evenings where the emphasis will be on developing a partnership between home and school. Thank you to those who supported the Working Bee and the Opening Mass. I urge all new and continuing families to participate where you can. We have a busy year ahead and through this busy time we need to nurture and care for each other, maintain our bright and positive outlook, focus on what really matters, and celebrate what we have.

All these generate optimism for new projects and participation across our community. Wishing you God’s Blessings.

Lauretta Graham—Principal

God of journey you walk with us each day:

May the presence of Jesus touch the sacred places,
 the beloved people and valued memories of our life journey.

God of journey you are always there to welcome us:

May we have the courage to return home and restore relationships with you,
 our family and loved ones, and the MacKillop Community. Amen

“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”

We welcome our new Teachers! *More next week!*



Mrs Trisha Dowling was born and raised in Montgomery County Maryland, USA. After completing year 12, she spent the 4 years as a generator mechanic in the USMC posted to Parris Island SC, Court House Bay NC, and Iwakuni Japan. The last four years on active duty she served as an American Embassy Marine Security Guard at Quantico VA, Yaounde Cameroon, and Canberra Australia. She moved to Darwin with her husband (an Australian soldier at that time) and was employed as an Indigenous Support Tutor at Ludmilla Primary School for 3½ years. She has a Bachelor of Applied Science and a Bachelor of Teaching and Learning from CDU. She completed teacher training at Taminmin College and Sander-son Middle School instructing year 7 and 8 students in maths, science, and SOSE.



My name is **Sherri Bryers** and I am the new Visual Arts teacher. I consider myself a working artist, in that I am a teacher and artist combined into one. My art style includes a mixture of contemporary and traditional techniques and I especially love painting and drawing. I have freshly arrived from Alice Springs, where I was teaching at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College. Previously I was working within the Catholic school system in Adelaide. I look forward to the Mackillop College's first official Art Exhibition later this year.



Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, 18th century German poet and politician once said, "dream no small dreams for they have no power to move the hearts of men". It is this sentiment that attracted me to want to come and work with Loretta Graham and the amazing community at MacKillop Catholic College. I'm new to teaching having previously come from the field of Medicine. I am originally from Melbourne and have travelled and worked widely overseas. I will be teaching junior and middle school science, in 2013. I look forward to meeting everyone. **Daniel Yore**



My name is **Zoe Saliba** and I've recently moved to the Northern Territory from Victoria to develop the Japanese program at MacKillop Catholic College. I am very excited to introduce Japanese to the school, especially as it has been listed as one of the four priority languages by the Australian government.

I have worked in Victoria teaching Japanese and at a specialised government English school for students who have recently arrived in Australia. I have also taught in Japan at a middle school in the Okayama prefecture. This year I will be teaching Japanese Yr 7-10, as well as Yr7 English and pastoral care for Year 8s.

I look forward to meeting you at upcoming events and parent nights.



'Hi my name is Chris and I am the PDHPE Coordinator as well as the Year 8 Pastoral Care Coordinator. I have 2 young children; a 2 year old girl named Sadie and a 4 month old boy named Luke. My wife and I have lived in the Territory previously but we have been living in Canberra for the last 2 years. I love to watch rugby league especially when the mighty Tigers are playing. I am looking forward to the year ahead and being a part of the MacKillop Catholic College community.' **Chris Trevillion**



Pauline Watson—SOSE Coordinator

I am Pauline Watson and I have recently started at MacKillop Catholic College as the SOSE Coordinator (History and Geography) and I am also the 7.4 Homegroup teacher. I have a Bachelor of Arts Honours in History and a Bachelor of Education and am currently undertaking a Masters of Education. I have been a SOSE teacher for 12 years and have spent the last few years as a Head of Faculty. Having newly arrived in Darwin I am currently appreciating the warmer weather and have greatly enjoyed the relaxing atmosphere and wonderful markets that Darwin is famous for. My family and I are all very pleased to be moving into this welcoming community and I look forward to meeting all of you as the year progresses.



Melanie Voakes – School Sports Coordinator/Yr10 Coordinator

I emigrated from Yorkshire in the UK at the end of 2008. It wasn't long before the warmth of Darwin lured me to the territory, in 2009. For the last few years I have taught Sport at the Essington School Darwin. Starting my position at Mackillop Catholic College I look forward to building the school's reputation in sport and establishing carnival traditions for the future generations. I have a passion for the great outdoors, especially the snow and surf, so I also look forward to launching school trips to these venues, sharing the inspirational magic with the students.



Mr Andrew PAWLEY

I come from the land down under, Melbourne to be specific. Since arriving at MacKillop, I've found the place terrific. In case you don't believe me, I'm going to be specific. There's a sense of purpose that I love about the place, A keenness for new ideas on every student's face, A determination to succeed that will not be displaced. 30 years teaching Drama, English, Religion and SOSE in Catholic Education Has been a great opportunity to develop my interests in community building and Social Justice Action. I'm convinced that MacKillop is the place for me, in 2013.



Kirwan A Thorbjornsen—Mathematics Coordinator

I am the Mathematics Coordinator for the College. I teach Year Seven, Year Eight, Year Ten Mathematics and Year Eight Religious Education. At my previous school, O'Loughlin Catholic College, I taught a variety of different subjects during the past eleven years. I have a family of ten children (one girl and nine boys ranging from 15 to 26) and two grandsons. We live on a 50 acre property on Middle Arm Rd where I like to tinker with old Saabs and Land Rovers as a hobby. Besides family life I also enjoy camping, driving/riding and reading novels. I look forward to meeting you all in the near future.



Rachel Butt

I am the year 7.2 Home Form teacher as well as the Special Learning Needs Coordinator. I am teaching Religious Education, Math, Textiles and Kitchen Operations/ Food. I am originally from South Australia and have been living in Darwin for over seven years. I have worked in other catholic schools in the Northern Territory and most recently taught with students with a disability using ICT. I enjoy various crafts including sewing, quilting, scrapbooking, as well as cooking. I am excited to be a part of a growing catholic community and I look forward to building relationships with all members of the school community.



Dear Parents,

My name is Tim Francis, Year 7 Coordinator and I'm pleased to welcome you and your child to MacKillop Catholic College in 2013. I am also teaching Health & Physical Education, Science, Religious Education and the AFL elective subject.

I graduated from Victoria University in 2008 and have since been teaching at St Francis Xavier School – Daly River. I've now proudly joined the team at MacKillop and I encourage you to be in contact with any issues and concerns you may be having. I'm excited about the year ahead and look forward to working with you in your child's education.

Yours Sincerely

Tim Francis – Year 7 Coordinator



Elizabeth Mountford

I am excited to join the MacKillop Catholic College Community as Deputy Principal, Academic Studies this year. I was born and raised in the Northern Territory, and I raised my children here and now my grandchildren are at schools in Darwin. I worked for many years at Darwin High School, and last year worked at Charles Darwin University. My first two teaching positions, back in the late 70s and early 80s were in Catholic Schools in Sydney, so it's nice to "return to my roots". I love working with children, love history and love to travel: this is me in Pompeii.

RCIA – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (including Young Adults)

Over the next weeks leading to Easter a course will be run for those interested in becoming Catholic and receiving the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Reconciliation & Confirmation or those interested in learning more about what it is to be Catholic. An initial gathering will be organised once the number of interested people is established. This pastoral formation course will be run weekly for no longer than an hour. The course is planned to be gradual and complete in its coverage and accommodated to the liturgical year. Discussions will centre around the Christian way of life and look closely at liturgical rites and scripture.

Interested persons should contact Laretta Graham on 0408194775

Parents & Friends Association - 2013– Meet our new President!

Following our meeting on Monday night:

I would like to extend a big thank you to those that elected me to the position of president of the P&F at our first meeting

In 2013, we have a fantastic group of P&F members eager to make this year one to remember. We also will ask those parents that can support the school and the P&F in any way to put their names down as a helper. There

is a great need for assistance in the canteen for example and an hour here or there will be greatly appreciated.

Moving forward, we would like to gain input from parents to help guide the committee as to functions and events that we can implement over the year, this will help us all to work toward the needs of the school and the students.

We have our first **Event** coming up next month and it will be exciting for the students to participate in. We need all remember that what we participate in and how we help out at the school from the P&F to the canteen goes to developing our greatest asset our children.

Thanking you all and looking forward to a great year!

Peter Wallis
President P & F Association

Congratulations

Our new Parents & Friends' Association Executive and Committee members, for 2013:

Executive members:

President:	Peter Wallis	Vice President:	Bernadette Perry
Secretary:	Trudy Perry	Treasurer:	Maxi Smith

Tuckshop Committee members:

Leanne Pope, Violet Morgan-Doherty, Laretta Graham, Nareena Tate

Music Committee members:

Leah Chiplin, David Graham, Tony Higgins, Bernadette Perry

Uniform Committee members:

Janelle Barham, George Mundy, Laretta Graham

General Events & Activities Committee members:

Janelle Barham, Violet Morgan-Doherty, Debbie Stringer, Leanne Pope, Max Pope, Teagan Berg, Matt Berg, Leah Chiplin, Meagan White, Nareena Tate, Amy Allegretto, Harold Carter, Laura Kerrigan

Calendar of Coming Events

February

17th - 1st Sunday in Lent
19th—Subject Information Night—Years 7-9
27th - Year 10 Subject Information Night

March

28th Whole College Prayer for Holy Week 9am
29th - Good Friday
31st - Easter Monday

April

2nd - Students in class: Easter Liturgy-9am
5th - End of Term Liturgy 2pm
5th - LAST DAY OF TERM
15th 1ST DAY OF TERM
17th - Parent/Teacher Interviews

School Buses



The following agreement has been made with the Department of Public Transport regarding bus travel to Humpty Doo and rural areas effective from 18th February, 2013. This is an improvement of 15 minutes.

The express bus to Humpty Doo and the rural areas will leave MacKillop Catholic College at 2:50pm each afternoon.

New finish time for our College is 3:05pm (lunch 5 mins shorter)

Students leaving class 15mins later. We are still working with the DPT on improving this situation further.

Please phone the College for clarification.

School Fees and Levies

School fees and levies play an important part in the ongoing provision of quality Catholic education at Mackillop Catholic College. Hence prompt payment of such fees and levies as they fall due is imperative. Fees and levies represent approximately 23% of what it takes to educate a child and 87% is collected through government contributions. Fees and levies in Catholic Schools make up the government funding shortfall for independent schools as apposed to the public sector. Please make an appointment with me, the Principal, if you are experiencing genuine financial hardship. No child will be denied a Catholic Education on the basis of financial difficulties and the College. Thank you.

Lauretta Graham

Welcoming Mass





Want a fun, free and different weekend activity for the kids?

The City of Palmerston has teamed up with Skateboarding Australia to run free 'Streetwise' skateboard workshops at the Palmerston Skate Park!

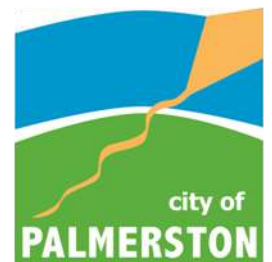
'Streetwise' is a targeted national grassroots development program designed to offer youth from all walks of life the opportunity to become actively involved in skateboarding in Australia. 'Streetwise' provides youth in all areas of Australia with the opportunity to be involved in skateboarding clinics conducted by some of Australia's best skaters. The workshops are open to all ages and skill levels and boards and head gear is provided.

The next workshop will be held at Palmerston Skate Park on Saturday the 16th of February from 9am until 2 pm.

Registrations are taken on the day (Participants under 18 require parental permission).

For more information please contact Ayrlie.williams@palmerston.nt.gov.au

or call 8935 9986



Canteen Corner

Tuckshop Volunteers – URGENTLY NEEDED

especially for Tuckshop on Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays (12.30pm to 1.30pm). Helping out in the tuckshop is a great opportunity for parents/grandparents to become involved in your College and make some new friends. Please phone or email the College if you can spare an hour to help. out.



Uniform/Bookshop

Opening times: 2.30pm-4.30pm Wednesdays and Thursdays - if you are unable to make these times, please phone us on 89305757 to make an appointment!

REMINDER: the formal shirts for boys and girls will arrive in March. Thank you for your patience!

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