



# Newsletter - Week 6 - March 2013, ISSUE 3

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## Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Community,

Whenever we look around our College there are very clear indications that the new and exciting journey which will constitute the 2013 story is being formed in front of our eyes. Though we are new and small, powerful celebration is part of our culture and charism at MacKillop. Over the past weeks we have witnessed our community visibly pronouncing our mission and vision through: our Mass for the Opening of the Academic Year; Ash Wednesday Liturgy; and, the commissioning of our College Leaders. The commissioning ceremony echoed the overwhelming message that whether or not we wear a badge we all have a responsibility to lead. At MacKillop we believe that by using our individual gifts, talents, and that which makes us unique, we can all influence others for the better. We accept that predominantly human growth is made up of many small decisions made by many positive and courageous people rather than one single decision by one or at most a few. Effective and long term change comes from our collective persistence rather than a single dramatic event. It is the same with leadership; everyone living each day as God would hope that builds long term cultural change. Here in this place we believe we all have a responsibility to each other to use our leadership potential. Nevertheless we acknowledge and congratulate those who pledged publicly their commitment to be stewards for the community and care for each other. We thank them for saying yes and accepting the invitation to wear our badges with pride and conviction. We are proud of you.

*This Lent we pray for resolute spirits and willing hearts so that we can all gradually become the best people we can be for the world and each other; this is at the heart of the College vision. "The kingdom of God is within us; our all-embracing duty is to give it form and effect, a local habitation and a name". ... Joseph Furphy, Such is Life.*

*Throughout this year, we will engage in preliminary work preparing for our new Strategic Plan 2013-2017. This process will be driven by the community under the leadership of the College Board. As a first step we have canvassed for new Board members and we are pleased to announce we have a number of new nominations from our parent body, thank you.*

*Finally, I encourage all families to attend the focal ceremonies of Holy Week & Easter. Times are listed on page 4. My God richly bless you as you continue to share in the partnership of building MacKillop Catholic College and Community. Thank you for your contribution to our College.*

**Lauretta Graham, Principal**

Pray...

***"Lord Jesus, give me the excitement and courage of Mary Mackillop so that I can witness to you. Let my enthusiasm be like a magnet to draw others to you...Amen"***



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

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**Meet our 2013 Student Leadership Team!**



**Aidan Cross**  
College Captain  
Senior Years



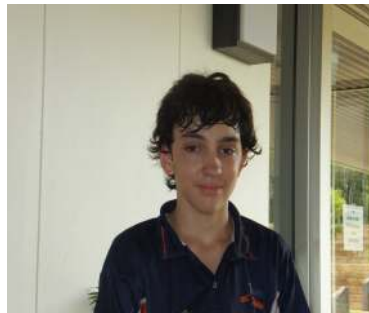
**Jade Brady-Bye**  
College Captain  
Senior Years



**Shane Buttfeld**  
College Captain  
Senior Years



**Dustin Carter**  
College Captain  
Middle Years



**Angus Bryan**  
College Captain—Middle Years



**Mikayla Pene**  
College Captain  
Middle Years



**Liam Mulvahil**  
Green House Leader

**Grace Mayfield**  
Green House Leader



**Sharlene Nicolle**  
Red House Leader

**Kaleb Pene**  
Red House Leader





**Danielle Galea**  
Gold House Leader



**Ben MacDonald**  
Gold House Leader



**Catherine Keys**  
Blue House Leader



**Keanu Lee-Feeney**  
Blue House Leader

## Whole College

# WORKING BEE



***Sunday***

**10th March, 2013**

**8am—10am**



*Please bring tools to put together garden furniture, electric drills, secateurs, wheel barrows and rakes.*

*Morning Tea will be provided.*

**SEE YOU THERE!**



## From the English Department

### SOS



Dear Parents and Friends,

This year we have introduced Sustained Silent Reading every day for 15 minutes during Homeform time. We have encouraged students to bring their own reading material but for some, this is the only time they will engage with novels and print media. I would like to put out an SOS to everyone who may have materials they no longer require and which could be put to great use here at the College. If you have any books which are suitable for our age group (and these can be of a quite simple nature for our less enthusiastic readers right through to appropriate adult literature), or if you have any old magazines along the lines of National Geographic or Readers' Digest, we would be delighted to give them a home. Please contact the College office if you are able to help (89305757).



Thank you in anticipation,

**Rosie Morgan (POR English/Literacy)**



### Have you had your student's eyes tested?

Medicare covers the FULL cost of eyesight testing for students, every 12 months. Contact any optometrist for an appointment. Vision is an important part of the educational achievements of students.

**Rachel Butt**  
Inclusion Support Coordinator



### Focal Ceremonies of Holy Week & Easter

19th March - Mass of the Oils 7pm at **Holy Spirit Casuarina**

**Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Palmerston**

23rd March - Vigil Mass - 6pm

24th March - Palm Sunday - 8.30am & blessing of palms at Sacred Heart School and 6pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish and *Youth Supper after Mass*

28th March - Holy Thursday - 7pm

29th March - 9am Stations and Passion Friday - 3pm

30th March - Easter Saturday Vigil Mass 7pm at

31st March - Easter Sunday Mass - 8.30am and 6pm



## From the Sports Department



Last year the MCC Swimming Squad began and achieved great results in the PARCs Carnival. The club has commenced **at Palmerston from 3:45pm to 5:15pm at the Palmerston YMCA Aquatic Centre**. As a school we are very lucky to have John Katal coach the squad. For those who don't know John, he is highly experienced and has coached Olympic teams. John will look forward to seeing old members return. The MacKillop Swimming Squad is back on! If your child would like to take part please ask them to turn up next week. All levels welcome. The details are as follows:

**Venue:** Palmerston Aquatic Centre

**Transport:** Bus 246 from school goes via the Aquatic Centre from school. Alternatively catch public bus 74 from Farrar Boulevard to the interchange and then catch the 70 to the Aquatics centre. Students will need collecting.

**Starts:** 3:45 pm

**Ends:** 5:15 pm

**Coach:** John Katal

**Costs:** Entry to be paid direct to the pool + \$5 per session added to school fees to cover the coaching fees.

Kind regards, Melanie Voakes—Sports Coordinator

Any Questions please email me at [melanie.voakes@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:melanie.voakes@nt.catholic.edu.au)

### 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 opposed 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. Thank you.

Fee statements have gone out this week!

**Lauretta Graham**

## Calendar of Coming Events

### March

11th - P&F Committee Meeting all welcome!  
 16th—St Paddy's Day Family Disco  
 18th—College Board Meeting  
**26th - Parent/Teacher /Student Conferences**  
 28th—Whole College Prayer for Holy Week 9am  
 29th - Good Friday  
 30th—Easter Sunday  
 31st - Easter Monday

### April

2nd - Students in class:  
 2nd—Easter Liturgy-9am  
 5th - End of Term Liturgy 2pm  
**5th - LAST DAY OF TERM**  
**8th—12th End of Term Holidays**  
**15TH 1ST DAY OF TERM**

# ***Good Friday Walk 2013***

## **Palmerston to Darwin Cathedral**

We are so privileged to take this walk and to feel an inch of the pain Jesus suffered for each one of us.

We the Parishioners of Palmerston would like to continue this Good Friday walk and support each one of you in making this tiniest penance possible.

Below is the picture taken after we completed the walk at St Mary's Cathedral in the city in 2012. All our little kids and adults made it through. WOW! what more can I tell you.

**Starting from here OLHC front Gate on 29-03-2013**



**Time :3 am and hope to reach Darwin Cathedral at 8:30 am.**

Please give me a call if you are interested so we know who is coming and can arrange transport for you to get picked up from Darwin.

Also anyone who would like to volunteer in bringing back the walkers would be appreciated.

**For any information please contact: Harold: 0405217307**

**Reminder:  
Immunisations  
Next Week!**

## **Uniform/Bookshop**

The formal dress shirts have arrived! Thank you for your patience.

*I will be available for uniform sales until 6pm next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week.*

**Miss Kate**



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