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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,

Over the past week we welcomed a number of visitors to our College. It was great to welcome Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Drysdale, to our College last week. She was most impressed by the College's facilities, students and what has been developed by the staff in such a short time. We should all be very proud! We also welcomed Michael Avery the Director of Catholic Education. Our Director enjoyed his visit and showed appreciation to staff for their great work across many programs and activities, and in particular for their work with our students.

The last few weeks have been extremely difficult and busy times at MacKillop. Sadly, a number of close family members of staff passed away, resulting in understandable staff absences. Further to this, a number of staff and students have had that terrible bug which resulted in further disruption to our normal routine. These things do happen, however our strong community worked through this difficult time and full appreciation goes to staff who worked overtime, parents who stood in and helped, and students who just got on with their study; this was all very much appreciated.

Congratulations to the Girls Netball and Boys Rugby League teams. The students had a fantastic day on Friday. Thank you to Melanie Voakes, David Graham and Zoe Saliba for helping to make the competition successful. The Netball girls representing MacKillop Girls U13 came 1st and the two U15 teams came 3rd. What champions! The boys Rugby League teams were fantastic and both achieved 2nd place.

Congratulations to our Parents & Friends' Association on a successful Irish Disco Night. Fun was had by everyone, thank you to our team of cooks who cooked up to 11pm the night before led by **Violet Morgan-Doherty and Bernadette Perry... ceol agus craic!** I am looking forward to meeting many parents at the upcoming Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences.

Thank you to all who are supporting the Project Compassion appeal through the various fundraisers held here at the College. Your donations will make a difference to so many through out the world. ***This Lent, Lord, help us to glimpse: in protest, the dawn of justice; in the cross, the pathway to resurrection; and, in suffering, the seeds of joy.*** May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us, and especially our children, as we travel through this year.

Lauretta Graham, Principal

You are invited!

To

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
To be held on: **Tuesday 26th March 2013**
3.30pm - 6.30pm in the College Library

Project Compassion 2013



Each year, Project Compassion runs during Lent. Starting on Wednesday 13 February (Ash Wednesday) 2013, Caritas Australia are asking people across Australia and in our College to help us raise money and offer hope to the millions of families who fight for justice, peace and survival every day.

Project Compassion 2013 carries the message: *"Open doors into the future"* which is taken from Pope Benedict XVI's 2007 encyclical *Spe Salvi*, 35, *"We work towards a brighter and more humane world so as to open doors into the future"*.

This year's Project Compassion stories are about children, young people and the communities who support them. Caritas Australia's partners around the world are helping to open doors into education, sustainable livelihoods and supportive environments. As a result, more young people now have hope for the future. In 2013, we are hearing stories from people in Mozambique, Bolivia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indigenous Australia and Papua New Guinea. Their stories humble and inspire us, and show how your contributions to Project Compassion help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities.

" 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

First words of Pope Francis (See <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-03-14/new-popes-first-words/4571974>, they are well worth reading) we are invited to join him in prayer, for him as he steps up to his new role as our Pope. As he stepped out on the balcony for the first time he bowed to receive our prayer, I felt that this man deeply, genuinely, wants the support of our prayer.

Laretta Graham
Principal

Focal Ceremonies for 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 RE Department



PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS 1st

Catholics around the world have welcomed the new Pope, Francis 1. In his opening address to Catholics everywhere he has asked that we join him in praying for him as leader of the faithful.

Prayer for Pope Francis

O Lord, guide Pope Francis in the way of Jesus. May the Gospel inspire him and may truth be his guiding force. Give him wisdom, zeal and the gift of governance as he leads the Church on the journey to the Kingdom.

Amen.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Throughout Lent our College has been raising funds for the annual Caritas Australia Lenten Fundraising -**PROJECT COMPASSION**. Classes have organized a variety of activities and stalls to raise money to support **CARITAS** in their work throughout the world. This Lenten fundraising has given the students time to reflect on how fortunate they are and to help those in need both in Australia and in over 50 countries throughout the world.



EASTER CHOCOLATE RAFFLE



Don't forget to buy your tickets in the **EASTER CHOCOLATE RAFFLE** to raise money for **PROJECT COMPASSION**. Tickets are available from Year 7.1 or 7.2. Please see Mr Francis, Ms Butt or Ms McCann outside the Office each day before school, at recess and lunch. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday March 28th. If parents require tickets please send the money to the school office clearly labeled with the child's name and class in an envelope and tickets will be returned via the roll folder to students.

HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY

The Year 10 Religious Education class will be presenting the **HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY** at 9am on **THURSDAY 28th MARCH** in the College Library. We would like to invite parents and community members to join us for this liturgy.

STAFF COMMISSIONING MASS

On Saturday evening the 2nd March the staff of MacKillop Catholic College and Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School attended the annual Staff Commissioning Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church Palmerston.

Mrs Marie Butt

APRE





Mrs Pauline Watson
SOSE Coordinator

From the SOSE Department

Bombing of Darwin Excursion

The year 10 History students had the honor of attending the commemoration for the Bombing of Darwin at the Cenotaph on the 19th of February 2013. The year 10's heard of the heroic acts of the soldiers and civilians who were present on this historic day and watched the reenactment of the Bombing of Darwin which started with the air raid sirens at 9.58am which indicated the time of the start of the air attacks on Darwin followed by the firing of seven rounds by M2A2 Howitzer Guns which signified the Darwin military response.

The year 10's followed this up with a visit to the Darwin Military Museum where they saw first-hand the commemorative wall, the gun placements and military equipment used during World War II, along with the Japanese equipment left behind after the attacks on the Pacific Region. Students commented that one of their favourite museum pieces was the Bombing of Darwin sensory room which featured a cinematic presentation based on one of the attacks on Darwin complete with surround style flashing lights and explosive sounds for extra effect. The year 10 students seemed to greatly enjoy their day and came back to the College with a deep respect not only for the men and women who served during World War II but also for the civilians who found themselves thrust into a terrible war which carried with it a heavy cost in both property and lives.



UPCOMING SOSE EVENTS:

Anzac Day Speaking Competition: 2 to 3 minutes in length reflecting on what the *Spirit of the Anzac's* means to us today.



Anzac Day Museum Display Piece Competition:

students create a display for the mini museum set up to commemorate the experiences of men and women who served in any of Australia's wars and peacekeeping missions.

Entries Close Friday 19th April 2013 Week 1 Term 2

Certificates and Prizes will be awarded to each year level. The overall winning speech will form part of the Anzac Day Commemoration.

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School Fees and Levies

Thank you to those families who have already paid their fees!

We have 3 payments received into our account which have no reference names! If anyone believes one might be theirs, please contact me on 89305705.

Thank you

Michelle Chambers
Business Manager

Calendar of Coming Events

March

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



From the Sports Department

Mackillop Catholic College Netball Teams

Dear Parents/Guardians

After a successful first year the MacKillop Catholic College Netball teams are back. this year we will have an U13 and a U15 team. The season runs from April-September. Training will commence on March 19th at 5p-6pm, Sacred Heart Primary School. Please see the below for more details. If your child wishes to play, please take them to training along with the completed nomination form (pick up from me) and fees.

Kind Regards

Melanie Voakes
PE Coordinator

Stop Press!

News just in:

**MacKillop
Catholic
College**

**Rugby League
Team today**

Beat

**St John's Catholic
College by....**

30: MacKillop

8: St John's

**Congratulations
to *our team*
and coach**

Mr Graham!

U13 (Players must turn 13yrs or younger this year)

Coach: Sharon Forsyth E: skinsandsharon@hotmail.com mobile: 0419868095

Assistant Coach: Fiona Dunbar-Smith

Training Time: Tuesdays 5pm – 6pm

Training Venue: Sacred Heart Primary School, Emery Ave Woodroffe.

Uniform: MacKillop Catholic College Sports Uniform

Playing Day: Thursday , Time TBA (5.30pmish) **Venue:** Palmerston Netball Courts

U15 (Players must turn 15yrs or younger this year)

Coach: Sue Kotz – sue.kotz@bigpond.com - mobile: 0418805379

Assistant Coach: Lauren Kafkas

Training Time: 5pm – 6pm Tuesdays

Venue: Sacred Heart Primary School, Emery Ave Woodroffe.

Uniform: MacKillop College Sports Uniform

Playing Day: Mondays, Time TBA (6pmish)
Netball Courts

Venue: Palmerston

Sign on Details

Please **complete the attached Individual Participation Nomination Form** and forward this along with Payment of fees to Sharon Forsyth, U13 Coach (Please see coach details above) **by Tuesday 19th March 2013.**

Fees: \$110 (\$75.00 Original Sports Voucher can be used). Cash can be given to Sharon Forsyth before Tuesday 19th March or you can pay Palmerston Netball Association directly and **forward a copy of your EFT receipt to Sharon Forsyth.** EFT details as follows:

Bank: Westpac **BSB:** 035-318 **Account:** 23-1458

Reference: MCC Netball Team.

Season Starts: 15 April 2013

Training Starts: Tuesday 19th March 2013, 5-6pm, Sacred Heart Primary School

Clubs must provide Umpires at every game. If interested please advise your coach.



Community Page



Commerce-PINTS Hockey Club

'Come & Try'

New players, all abilities welcome

Tuesdays, 5.30pm for juniors under 16; 6.30pm for seniors

Marrara Hockey Centre

Looking for a fun, friendly and family-oriented club? Come and meet our players and have a go.

Start up pack - stick, shin pads and ball for new U8 & U10 players.

Contact: Robyn Northcote on 8927 6621

email: krnorthcote@aapt.net.au



Vaccination Information

Parents/Carers of **Male students currently in Year 10**,

In February 2013, the Australian Government extended the eligibility criteria for the National Male Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Catch-up Program.

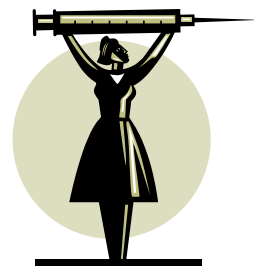
In 2013 and 2014 boys in Year 9 will be able to get the HPV vaccine at school.

In addition free HPV vaccine will be provided to:

Boys aged 15 who are not in Year 9 or not at school can receive the HPV vaccine at a Community Care Centre, Aboriginal Medical Service or GP. Boys who receive their first dose of HPV vaccine before they turn 16 years of age are eligible to receive free vaccine for all three doses. Ideally the full course of three doses must be completed before the end of the current school year.

For more information and resources please visit: [http://www.health.nt.gov.au/Centre for Disease Control/Immunisation/index.aspx](http://www.health.nt.gov.au/Centre%20for%20Disease%20Control/Immunisation/index.aspx)

Or contact the Centre for Disease Control on 8922 8044.





From the IT Department

Humans control the Robots:

Computer Technology and Brain Power!

In the Robotics elective class our students worked with an educator from CSIRO to experience a range of challenges using sensors and the software to program identical Robots.

A great opportunity for students to understand the involvement of this well acclaimed research organization and their current projects in the field of Robotics.

It was quite exciting to watch the students getting involved and challenging their ability to command the Robot by manipulating the software.



Laptop Information Night

Thank you to those parents/carers who attended Tuesday night's session. We had some excellent discussions last night about cyber safety, back ups (different strategies), net work drives, parent monitoring software, rules about installing software on laptops, discussion about pirated software and why we charge \$100 for broken laptops due to lack of care.

Vanaja Arakkal
ICT Manager

Expression of Interest for Parents

1. **Cyber Safety Session-Term 2**
2. **Robotics for parents! -Term 2**
3. **IT Training Sessions -Term 3**

If you are interested in any of these sessions please email vanaja.arakkal@nt.catholic.edu.au by Week 3 Term 2 with your choices.

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