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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,

ANZAC Day is Australia's most significant day of national commemoration. April 25th is the day we pause to remember and honour the service and sacrifice of Australia's service men and women in wars, conflicts and peace operations.



25 April will once again witness the modern-day pilgrimage of thousands of Australians to Anzac Cove.

There's a torn and silent valley:

There's a tiny rivulet with some blood upon the stones besides its mouth.

There are lines of buried bones:

There's an unpaid debt:

There's a sound of gentle sobbing in the South. (Anzac Cove, Leon Gellert)

Adelaide born poet and wounded Gallipoli veteran, Leon Gellert, captured not only the sombre significance that Anzac Cove would have for Australia - a nation's vitality is often measured in its struggles, sacrifices, and even tragedy - but rightly calls on us to pay a debt of gratitude to those who, then and now, endanger their lives so that others may live in freedom.

On Anzac Day, wearing poppies and gathered around war memorials in every suburb, city and town, we remember not only the veterans of Gallipoli, but those who died in France and Flanders, Palestine and Mesopotamia, the Western Desert, Syria, Greece, and Crete, in the skies above England and Europe, in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic; and those who died in the waters off Java, Timor, and in the Coral Sea; in Papua, New Britain and Bougainville; in Korea, Vietnam, East Timor; and those who served in Iraq and still do in Afghanistan.

The Anzac Spirit is integral to our sense of identity. It has continued to be the spirit that binds the country and it is important that it is passed on to future generations.

At this time, as Christians, one cannot fail to reflect on the Easter story of "a young man from Nazareth volunteered to lay down his life for his friends (John 15:12), he made a solitary request - Do this in memory of me. It was a challenge to live Christ-like lives of heroic sacrifice in the service of the poor, the downtrodden and powerless. It was a hope that His way of peace, justice and reconciliation would one day prevail. It is the memory of His vision, which encompasses all humanity and does not deny love even to one's enemies, which can be the music in the midst of desolation". (To the Fallen, Laurence Binyon).

Prayer of Remembrance:

We remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives, will not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.

May God continue to protect and bless your families,

Lauretta Graham, Principal

"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"



Lauretta Graham
Principal

**You are
invited to
our next
P&F
Meeting
on
Monday
13th May**

The “awe” of Anzac Day

“We are in awe of what they did,” said the Governor-General Quentin Bryce at the Dawn service on Anzac Day on the Gallipoli Peninsula some years ago. That place with its thin strip of beachhead and rugged terrain rising ominously above, evokes the horror and terror of war, and that is truly awful. But that was not the ‘awe’ being spoken of. Rather, she was speaking of the love and service that was offered there. In the worst of situations, the best human response was given. And that sacrificial service has continued to be offered by literally hundreds of thousands of service personnel in the ensuing years as they have entered into awful situations and transformed them by their courage, love, wit, humour and wisdom. When we enter into their stories, they liberate a deep knowing within us. What uncle, grandfather, aunt did may inspire us but then we realise that they were/are ordinary people – just like us. What they did we can do also. And what is truly ‘awe’ful is that we can do that in our ordinary lives- this day, in this next situation that happens, be it a child needing care, a friend needing a chat, a spouse needing cheering up, a grandparent needing visiting. Our notion of ‘mateship’ arose out of a response to a ‘need’. Not the need to go to war, but the need to serve each other in common situations, situations that were often difficult and sometimes dangerous. We live and work in many common situations – family, school, workplace, community. As we experience ‘awe’ this coming week, let it within us liberate that deep knowing that we are together in life in so many ways and may we try to show to each other the ‘mateship’ we honour on this day.



Loving God, you give us the example of loving service in so many different ways. As we honour those who have served us, give us the grace of Jesus your Son to serve each other in all the events of our lives. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb



MacKillop Catholic College has registered to participate in the 2013 Earn & Learn Educational Program sponsored by Woolworths. Bring your vouchers in to the front office and we can earn some great resources!



MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE P & F ASSOCIATION MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE

FIVE TICKETS AT ONE DOLLAR EACH SENT OUT THIS WEEK WITH THE YOUNGEST IN THE FAMILY

- 1st Prize: Buffet dinner for two - Sunset Restaurant**
- 2nd Prize: \$25 dollar Quality Meats Voucher**
- 3rd Prize: \$25 dollar Quality Meats Voucher**

Drawn on: Monday 13th May, 2013

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

Do you have any outgrown uniforms? Please bring them to the front office as we would like to start a 2nd hand shop!



**Marie Butt
APRE**

From the RE Department

MacKillop Catholic College Anzac Day Service was held on Wednesday. Our sincere thanks to the Special Guests who have contributed to our Anzac Service.

Lt Christopher Mead, ADF

Mr Lance Johnson, MacKillop Catholic College Board and Palmerston RSL

We acknowledge the continued support from Father Tom and Father Milton on occasions such as these.



The ANZAC Day Parade



Important Reminders:

The NET Ministry Team were here today and worked with our Year 8 and 9 students. They will be with our College Chaplin, Lauren Hill to deliver a program on Peer Pressure

Please pray for our Year 10 students on Retreat 29th April - 1st May At Lake Bennett





David Graham
Rugby League Coach

For more information on how to join our Rugby School of Excellence contact David Graham through our College Office.

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MacKillop Catholic College Rugby League Excellence Program



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RUGBY LEAGUE

10th May 2013

ALL PHONES PARK, (PALMERSTON RAIDERS)

BELLAMACK

1.45pm KICK OFF



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



Petero Civoniceva

Please note this in your calendar, should be a great afternoon with two of this country's finest ex-professional athletes. **YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND**

Rugby League Calendar

01/05/13	MCC vs SJCC
02/05/13	NRL One Community Talk
06/05/13	Bunnings Fundraising BBQ
26/05/13	Katherine Trip





Rachel Butt
Inclusion Support
Coordinator

Inclusion Support News

Support Group for Families with Needs

Support group for family with needs
Do you have you someone in your family with special needs?
Diagnosed, not Diagnosed,
having difficulties at school,
having difficulties at home
it doesn't matter we are here to support you
Come and have a cuppa
Once a month in the board room
Same week as P&F but on a Wednesday
with Needs



Stella Wallis
Inclusion Sup-
port Officer

Immunisations: Round 2 to be held on Thursday 30th May 2013 here at MacKillop Catholic College. Please ring the front office for more information.



Life is not a race to be won;
it's a process and a bunch of
relationships to be appreciated
and savoured.
Slow down! Enjoy the journey

Community Capers



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
TWILIGHT FETE
SATURDAY 25 MAY 5 - 8:30 pm
Join us for fun, food and a cool night.
Bric-a-brac Books Hector The Cat
Food Bar Drinks
Tombola Cake stall Plants
Lolly bags Show bags Toys
Silent Auction Jumping Castle
Cop & Robber car Chase!
Entertainment

Entry Lindsay St
Darwin



WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY



Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

It will be held throughout Australia on **Friday 24 May 2013**. Further information and to register your school <http://www.walk.com.au/WSTSD01/page.asp?PageID=268>

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



FIFO FAMILIES (Fly In Fly Out Families)

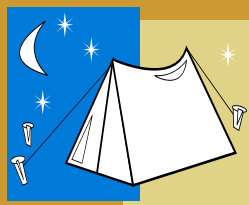
FIFO Families is a new and unique organisation which provides social and supportive networks for employees and their families who work on fly-in-fly-out (FIFO) or drive-in-drive-out (DIDO) basis in the resource sector. FIFO Families currently has 30 local, grass roots community groups that meet in almost every state of Australia, Including DARWIN.. The next DARWIN meeting is on 4th May at 1pm.

For more information and to RSVP to DARWIN events please visit www.fifofamilies.com.au or email Di at Darwin@fifofamilies.com.au

Calendar of Coming Events

April

29th April-1st May
Year 10 Retreat at Lake Bennett



May

2nd May: NRL One Community Guest Speakers - 1.45-2.30
10-11 May: Music Camp
11th May: Mother's Day
14-17th May: NAPLAN Testing
25-29th May: Centralian Eisteddfod Alice Springs
25th May: Our Lady Help of Christians Feast & Mass Saturday 6pm
30th May: Trischools tournament Rugby League - U15yrs
31st May: College Athletics Carnival

June

7th June: Feast of the Sacred Heart
10th June Queen's Birthday Holiday
21st June LAST DAY OF TERM 2
22nd July 1st DAY OF TERM 3

