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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,

The solemnity of Pentecost was celebrated on Sunday 19th May. This, the "fiftieth day," concludes the season of Easter. Pentecost, the Jewish feast of harvest, also commemorates the giving of the Law of Moses, and was the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles. The event has been celebrated since at least the third century. The joy of Pentecost is that the risen Christ breathes upon the Church and says: **"Receive the Holy Spirit"**.



Spirit of life: Fill our emptiness with your fullness,

Spirit of power: Stir our hearts afresh,

Spirit of love: Touch us, and through us, our neighbor,

Spirit of Creativity: Enable and empower the gifts you have given, and

Spirit of Eternity: Draw us ever deeper into your Kingdom.

Over the past week, especially through the time spent at Principal's meetings, I have been thinking a lot about this thing we call Catholic Identity. Ultimately, Catholic pedagogy is premised on the relational disposition of the teacher. It involves much more than the simple act of "teaching", it is a process that grapples with mystery, faith and love. As Palmer (1988) reminds us "good teaching" cannot be reduced to technique; good teaching comes from the identity and integrity of the teacher". If teachers believe in the dignity of each child, respect their students as fellow pilgrims in search of truth and witness the loving presence of God then the groundwork is laid for other pedagogical characteristics to flourish. As the noted by Sr Clare Fitzgerald (2008) "Our Catholic pedagogy tells us that when a child walks into a classroom, this child is someone created by God, for God and these children are on a journey home to God... It's our job to nourish that child on its journey. We have to see the child as something holy and if we do that, it changes our College for the better.

Loving God over the next few weeks of this term, send into our hearts and lives your fire of love, the Holy Spirit. In the wisdom of the Spirit may we love our family, friends and community, as Jesus would love them.

May God continue to protect and bless your families,
Lauretta Graham, Principal



Laretta Graham
Principal

From the Principal's Office

My thanks to all those involved in the running of NAPLAN and moreover many thanks to those teachers who have prepared students for this tests over the past weeks. Congratulations to the students who continue to take their studies and everything they do seriously.

Congratulations and thank you to the Year Coordinators who organised a great community day last Friday. A great time was had by all and a great end to a busy week.

During last week we had the opportunity of hosting secondary principals across Australia. Many commented on the warm welcome given by our students. This is how it should be; students who are proud of their College and willing to welcome visitors and make them feel special and at ease. Thank you parents for your work in producing wonderful friendly well-mannered young people

The past week signalled the start to the semester reporting process for teachers. Please keep teachers all teachers in your thoughts and prayers as they enter this busy period of the Semester. Student reports will be posted home during the first week of stand down. Please ensure we have your correct postal address.

The week ahead reveals the usual schedule of events and commitments. One, however, is very important to us and our Parish and that is, The Parish Feast, the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. We will be celebrating at the Parish on Saturday night 25th May at 6pm—Mass, Feast, Karaoke, etc. Bring food and drink to share. All welcome.

Next P&F MEETING 3rd June 2013
7pm in the Boardroom

The Duke of Edinburgh award comes to MacKillop

MacKillop Catholic College is in the throes of registering for Duke of Edinburgh to start later this year. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is not an easy award to obtain. It requires a great amount of persistence in applying oneself week in and week out to the 3 required activities, plus completing the adventurous journeys within each level. This can take up to 3 years to complete the bronze, silver and gold awards. So my congratulations to Mr Lance Johnson who has offered to run this program for us and best wishes go out to these intrepid students and I wish them well with the rest of their Dukes journey!

Laretta Graham





**Marie Butt
APRE**

Class MASSES

Monday Week 7

Year 10's will be having Class Mass with Father Tom at 8.30am. If any parents would like to join in they are most welcome

Monday Week 8

Year 7.1 will be having Class Mass with Father Tom at

From the RE Department

Retreat Goals - Retreats will be run in Year 7, 10 & 12.

Goals of all our Retreats are;

- *To learn to know our self and enjoy yourself,*
- *To build better relationships among each other,*
- *To build a better community,*
- *To improve our relationship with God.*

Can we see God?

A little boy approaches his slightly older sister with this question: "Susie, can anybody ever really see God?" Busy with other things, Susie curtly replies: "No, of course not, silly, God is so far up in heaven that nobody can see him." Still wondering, he approaches his mother: "Mum, can anybody ever really see God?" "No, not really," his mother answers gently. "God is spirit and he dwells in our hearts, but we can never really see him."

The answer satisfies him for the moment, but he still wonders...

A few days later his beloved old grandfather takes his grandson on a fishing trip. They have a great time together- it has been an ideal day. As the sun begins to set, the grandfather stops fishing and turns his full attention to the beauty unfolding before their eyes.

On seeing the peace and contentment on his grandfather's face, the boy thinks for a moment and asks hesitatingly: "Grandpa, I – I wasn't going to ask anyone else, but I wonder if you can tell me something I've been wondering about for a long time. Can anybody ever really see God?" The old man does not even turn his head. A long moment slips by before he finally answers. "Son," he replies quietly, "it's getting so I can't see anything else."

Dalai Lama Visit to Palmerston

Tenzin Gyatso, 14th Dalai Lama

The 14th Dalai Lama is the 14th and current Dalai Lama, as well as the longest lived incumbent. Dalai Lamas are the head monks of the Gelugpa lineage of Tibetan Buddhism. [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dalai_Lama)

A group of our students and teachers will be going along to the Event on Saturday 22nd June from 11.00am-1.00pm at the Palmerston Recreation Centre, to attend a session called "Living a Good Life".

The Event is sponsored by Palmerston City Council - ticket admittance only, available at the Recreation Centre.



Religious Education: Year 10 Retreat—Lake Bennett

Shane and Jeff give us their thoughts on the food.

The day we arrived at Lake Bennett we had Fish and Chips for lunch, I remember this clearly as Joel felt so guilty eating the fish he gave his lunch away. For me the barramundi was even more delicious the second time, probably because I ate guilty boys as well. Also Jeff was delighted when Siobhan gave him some of her chicken nuggets. For dinner that night we had roast chicken and veggies, the chicken though a little pink, was full of flavor and was mouth-watering tasty. For breakfast on both days we had a selection of cereals, toast and a choice of orange or apple juice for drinks. For lunch the second day we had some lovely toasted wraps, which were filled with fresh chicken, lettuce and ripe tomatoes. For our last dinner we had lasagna. It was very good. The mountain of cheese on top of the flavor full meat. Our morning and afternoon tea's were a collection of biscuits, shapes, Milo and Fredo frogs.



Mehli and Ryan's comments on the MASK Activity.

Ryan and I agree we both think the mask activity we did was to show us that everyone has a different expression on their faces even though they have a different emotion inside. Sometimes it's hard for a teenager to show their true emotions so they put on this "mask" that could be a smile, grin or anything happy while they have a hurtful emotion running through their body. The activity may have been telling us that teenagers are the main ones in this society who use "masks" to hide their honest emotions.



Relationships on Camp

We learnt that we have to work and look after a relationship for it to be a successful one, no matter who or what kind of relationship it is, for there will be tough times, good times and fun times but if you want the relationship to last then you have to stick through the tough times and do the best to make things better.— Wayne and Luke



Joel gives us a run down on the Free Time at Retreat

The free time on Retreat was fun at the start but wound up as Jeff yelling at me (Joel) about him not catching fish because I was 'SCARING AWAY THE FISH'! It then became relaxing again when he decided to ditch the rod and swim at the jetty with everyone else instead of fishing way off the side near a no unauthorized access area. The free time all up was fun where everyone could have gone off in their own groups but instead took in the spirit of the retreat and got to know everyone a bit better by giving us all a chance to show our silly side to everyone out of school with fun and games.

Getting to know each other.

On the retreat everyone really connected and we all got to learn a lot more about each other. We learnt about our teacher's stories and also more things about our friends and other students that we weren't as close to. Retreat gave us the time to reflect on what we actually know about each other and to increase our knowledge about one another. We played a lot of games to interact and communicate with each other and we were able to share stuff about ourselves and gain trust in everyone. As a class I think we have all grown to learn more about each other, ourselves and out of all that retreat has made us all closer to each other. – **Siobhan and Louise**



About playing games

The poverty game that we did was fun, people were stealing even when they had money and the people that didn't have money had to try to get money to pay for things to make a collage of something that meant something to ourselves. People were running around and having fun, all in all it was



College Matters

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!

Library Opening Hours



New Hours:

8am - 2pm

Monday to Wednesday

Canteen Chatter

We are looking for

Volunteers

For the Tuckshop!

Please contact the front office if you can help!

College Calendar of Coming Events

Saturday 25 th May	Our Lady Help of Christians Feast & Mass 6.00pm
Thursday 30 th May	Tri-schools Tournament Rugby League – under 15 years
Thursday 30th May	Immunisations
Friday 31 st May	MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Friday 7th June	Feast of the Sacred Heart
Monday 10th June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
FRIDAY 21ST JUNE	LAST DAY OF TERM 2 - End of Term Liturgy 2.20pm
MONDAY 1ST JULY	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

Finance

Please only use the BPAY facility when paying **SCHOOL FEES**. For all other payments, for example ski trips rugby trips etc, if using the internet please use the transfer facility.

Thank you!

Michelle Chambers
Business Manager



Mrs Pauline Watson
Curriculum
Coordinator SOSE



From the SOSE Department

History Awards

This year MacKillop has had a high level of excellent work from all year levels in History. It is wonderful to see students putting in their best efforts and achieving well in both modern and ancient history. Students have completed a range of work including websites, source analysis tests, magazine articles, analytical essays and persuasive speeches. All the students should be very proud of their Term 1 achievements and MacKillop looks forward to seeing even more students being awarded for excellence and improvement in term 2.

Term 1 History awardees include:

Alysha Healy
Cheyenne Irving
Kayla Martin
Arragon Prosser
Jacob Chiplen
Charlotte Hall
Jordana Jack
Ella Ludbrook
Lachlan Miller
Kiana Bellman
Cindy Coleman
Miya Fleming
Renee Hardy

Sophie Port
Chelsea Probyn
Mitchell Purcell
Catherine Keys
Sandy Tran
Angus Bryan
Oliver Dulay
Danielle Galea
Georgia Falconer
Samuel Hogan
Luke Morgan-Doherty

ANZAC DAY AWARDS

On the 25th April, MacKillop commemorated its second ANZAC day. In honour of the ANZACs, students created a MacKillop College Museum which included a range of dioramas of battle models and service histories. The aim of the museum was to commemorate the military service and efforts of Australians during war. Some students also honoured their serving family members by creating family histories. The nurses who served were remembered with diary entries, photos and newspaper articles. Several students did not forget to reflect on the wives, mothers and family members at home as well by creating family diaries, scrapbooks and care packages. Our own local history was also commemorated with the Bombing of Darwin being given a special place with models, photos and memorabilia.

All students should be very proud of their efforts. All students who entered created exceptional pieces which reflect a high level of historical knowledge and skill. The students who received a special mention include:

Mitchell Purcell
Kiana Bellman
Mikayla Pene
Parick Reed
Danielle Galea



Let's Celebrate our Teacher's Achievements!



This week we celebrate the achievements of some of our wonderful teachers!

Miss McCann will be playing with the Darwin Symphony Orchestra on Saturday 1st June in their Production of an Opera Gala - **"Viva Verdi"** at Charles Darwin University Soundshell. Go along and support her! See attached advertisement

Congratulations: Mrs Dowling attended an Awards Ceremony at Charles Darwin University on Wednesday night and was the recipient of the Essington School Darwin Prize for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Bachelor of Teaching and Learning/ Bachelor of Applied Science (BTLBAS). She received this award for being the student with the highest Grade Point Average in the BTLBAS degree. Mrs Dowling is attending the Graduation Ceremony today!



Congratulations!



Mr Graham was there with his saxophone at the "Strike up the Bank" concert playing with a combination of the Darwin Symphony Orchestra and the Army Band, held recently at the Waterfront!



From the Drama Department



Andrew Pawley
Elective Drama

Light sources for shadow puppetry and theatre lighting will be needed for on-going Drama work.

2 items which you may be able to get your hands on
Are OVERHEAD PROJECTORS and SLIDE PROJECTORS

Both have now been SUPERCEDED by new technologies, however, they are still of considerable value when adapted for use in Theatre Lighting and Shadow Puppetry.

Please put it out there if you have any contacts e.g. school, church, workplace or community groups.

IT WILL BE BETTER TO SEE THESE ITEMS PUT TO USE RATHER THAN COLLECTING DUST AND ULTIMATELY BEING JUNKED.

Many thanks,
Mr Andrew Pawley



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



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.

Community Capers

Commerce-PINTS Hockey Club

More Players Wanted

New players, all ages and 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 try.

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

Great, feel-good, spider uniform!

Contact: Robyn Northcote on 8927 6621

email: krnorthcote@aapt.net.au



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!



Sunday 26th May 2013

Commencing at Jan Fejo Park on corner of Odeguard/ Duwun Roads, Rosebery. Turn down Forrest Parade off Lambrick Ave & follow the signs.

Time: between 7am & 9am, coaching 8-9am. Course closes 11am.

A special welcome to all Actgivate NT participants!

Lots of courses for everybody. Sausage sizzle after 8.30am. Contact

Andrew Simon on 0408824811;

www.topend.nt.orientee