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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,**

As first semester draws to a close and another semester opens before us one might ask how could we all be positively different as a College in this 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year and into the future

My answer is simple. Have everyone in our College Community place high value on education. Research shows that as Australians we generally fall short in this area and sometimes due to our own experiences under rate the values of education. At MacKillop we don't need to share these same sentiments.

When we place schooling or education high on the list of what we value everyone:

- Sees parents and staff working in partnership;
  - Supports and respects each other;
  - Speaks positively about all aspects of education and in particular what we offer at MacKillop;
  - Encourages students to show pride, passion and commitment to all aspects of their school work; and
  - Gets involved in as many elements of school life as possible.
- Often we worry about the anxiety education causes students especially if we have high expectations.

We as parents and staff can reduce anxiety in children caused by school work by helping them to be organised, not procrastinate, look after their belongings and come prepared for work, be on time, and to think and speak positively about staff and other students and the demands of their work.

I know as parents you have a real interest in your children's success and I know our staff at MacKillop share in this. Remember pressure is great, stress is not. When we add fear to pressure that is what causes anxiety and stress. Let our A's not be for average but for achievement. Many of our students don't I know what they want to be in 10years time. So let us work together to give them a choice

Thank you for all you have done this semester. The P & F, tuckshop, library, working bees, College board, fund raising, cleaning , music committee, donations and kind words and encouragement.

May you find enjoyment in all you do during the last weeks of Term 3.

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





**Elizabeth Mountford**  
**Deputy Principal**  
**Academic Studies**

## Teaching and Learning at MacKillop

### ***Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Community***

There have been some interesting things happening in the curriculum area this semester, and some more to come in the next few weeks of school.

Staff and students are in the middle of the formal assessment and reporting cycle. Many students have engaged very well with the learning programs offered in classes and have produced some impressive work and displayed real determination to acquire skills and knowledge across a range of learning areas.

However, some parents may be receiving calls from classroom teachers about overdue work and about their children being required at detentions to complete overdue work. All of our students are being given their best opportunity to get a C or better for every one of their classes at MacKillop. Some students require the extra time and motivation that after school detentions offer, so we ask that you support us if your child is required at detention.

We are holding an Egypt Exhibition on Thursday Week 10, June 20 between 4 and 6 pm. This will showcase innovative and creative Year 7 student pieces; the product of some integrated work we are doing with the year 7 Religious Education and History classes. Did you know that "Egypt" is mentioned 614 times in the Bible, "Egyptian" 37 times, and "Egyptians" 91 times?

We welcome parents and other students to see the great work that the Year 7s have been doing.

### **Mathletics Items**

As several classes in the school now use Mathletics we would like to remind parents/caregivers that as a parent/caregiver of a Mathletics Student, you can register to receive weekly reports and will also have access to your very own Parent Console. To register, go to [www.mathletics.com.au/parent](http://www.mathletics.com.au/parent) and you will see the page.

A screenshot of the 'Parent Registration' form for Mathletics. The form is titled 'Parent Registration' and includes a sub-header 'To register, complete these details'. It contains two main sections: 'Student Sign In Details' with fields for 'Username' and 'Password', and 'Parent details' with fields for 'First Name', 'Surname', 'Email', 'Confirm Email', and 'Country' (a dropdown menu). A 'Register' button is at the bottom of the form. Below the form, there is a note: 'There is no cost to register. View our Privacy Policy'. At the very bottom, there are four buttons: 'Mathletics', 'SpelloDrome', 'IntoScience', and 'Reading Eggs'. Above the buttons, there is a link: 'Click below to find more information regarding all our educational resources.'



Marie Butt  
APRE

## From the RE Department

Class Mass: Week 10: All Year 7 classes  
Whole School Liturgy 2.20pm Friday 21st June 2013

### Finance

#### Fee statements have gone out recently

Thank you for those parents who have already paid or organized payment of their fees!

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

## P&F Association

### Next Meeting

#### Athletics Carnival Fundraiser!

Thank you to all those who assisted the P&F stall last Friday! And a HUGE thank you to

**UNITED FORKLIFTS SOLUTIONS  
WINNELLIE**

**WHO DONATED ALL THOSE  
SAUSAGES!**



#### Fundraiser at the V8 Supercars!

We have been offered the  
cleaning contract!



#### We need your Help!

NT Major Events will pay \$2900 to MacKillop P&F  
for lockers, sporting equipment, and other  
educational items for YOUR students!

*Volunteers must be 13 years and over and MUST  
be accompanied by an adult*

Here is a photo of Mrs  
Dowling at her Graduation  
Ceremony we reported on  
last week!





## 2013 MacKillop Catholic College Athletics Carnival



**A HUGE THANKYOU TO  
OUR Sports Coordinator Ms Voakes for organizing  
the Carnival and all the staff and College Community  
who assisted ! A great effort!**



**Congratulations!**

**To the**

**BLUE  
HOUSE**

**Winners of  
the 2013  
Athletics  
Carnival Cup!**





## Athletics Age Champions 2013

- 12 Boys Adrian Lawrence
- 12 Girls Bryanna Crawley
- 13 Boys Liam Koch-Walsh
- 13 Girls Lily Knight
- 14 Boys Kaleb Pene
- 14 Girls Mikhaela Higgins
- 15 Boys Keanu Lee-Feaney
- 15 Girls Mehli Derschow
- 16 Boys Lance Tamiano
- 16 Girls Siobhan Monaghan

*Congratulations!*





## More Photos









## College Matters

### Meet our New Staff Member Mrs Jo Flanagan



**Joanne Flanagan  
Personal Assistant  
To the Principal**

Hello, my name is Joanne Flanagan and I am Mrs Graham's assistant. I have been in this position since the end of April and have thoroughly enjoyed my experience thus far – that is not to say that there haven't been any challenges, but I hope that I am rising to meet the expectations of not only Mrs Graham but of the wider College community.

I am a Darwinian born and bred and very proud of it. My family and I have lived in the Palmerston/Rural area for the past 20 years. My interests are many and varied, but like most mums and wives out there, they take on the shape of their children's and husband's interests. So football, basketball, Taylor Swift and Usher have become my interests. What I really enjoy doing on a day off is reading a good book or spring cleaning the house, only one of these joys is shared with my children – I'll let you guess which one.

So that's me – I have met many of the parents of our wonderful student body, but know I have many more to meet. Please feel free to contact me, if you need assistance making contact with either Mrs Graham or any of the other teaching or support staff of this fantastic College.



### Inclusion Support News

**Rachel Butt**  
Inclusion Support  
Coordinator

**Stella Wallis**  
Inclusion Support  
Officer

**Support Group for Families with Needs:** Support group for families with needs, Come and have a cuppa Once a month in the board room Same week as P&F but on a Wednesday!



### College Gym

Come along and get fit!  
Open Tuesday night 6 – 7 pm  
Need to email  
[stella.wallis@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stella.wallis@nt.catholic.edu.au)  
or  
Sms/call 0434336992 to  
confirm attendance

### **Congratulations: Denzel Tulloch Who has been selected to represent the NT for Basketball!**

On Wednesday morning I woke up at 4 in the morning to get on a plane to go to Gove it was a good flight down there when we got off the plane I saw that Gove's airport is nearly the size of a house its was so small. We caught a bus to the school we were playing the games. At our first game was against city red we won 12 to 10 I got the first goal ☺. Our second game was against the Arnhem team we won 44 to 2 that was a pretty easy game but they played well for people that had never played before. The next day we played three games in the last won I broke my finger and I had to go to the hospital instead of playing. My billet family was really nice so I was glad to have nice billets. On Friday I had to watch my team play they done really good we got in to the hardest pool but we lost all our pool games in the closing ceremony my name and three other PARCS boys names were called to represent the NT basketball team I fly to Perth in August to verse other state teams. I flew back home on a plane on Saturday at 8:30 at night we arrived back at Darwin at 10 O clock I was so tired but I had a good three days of school.







### 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!

Are we going to have a cool Dry Season? We have a selection of fleecy jackets for sale if it comes!

## Lost Property!

There is a box of lost **lunch boxes/jumpers/**  
the odd shoe/hats/socks/**lunch boxes/**  
pencil cases—1 with a butterfly on it/**lunch**  
**boxes WITH SMELLY ITEMS IN THEM!**

**IN THE FRONT  
OFFICE!  
PLEASE PLEASE  
PLEASE  
COME & LOOK &  
CLAIM! SOON!**



## Canteen Chatter

We are looking for

**Volunteers**

For the Tuckshop!

Please contact the front office if  
you can help!



Thank you to Denzel Tulloch and family for their kind donations of books for our Library. If anyone has any spare magazines and cook books we would love them for Food Technology!

## College Calendar of Coming Events

Monday 10th June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
FRIDAY 21ST JUNE	LAST DAY OF TERM 2 - End of Term Liturgy 2.20pm
<b>MONDAY 22nd JULY</b>	<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM 3</b>
29th-31st July	Year 7.1 & Year 7.3 Excursion
31st-2nd August	Year 7.2 & 7.4 Excursion
Week 4-5th-9th August	Years 8 and 9 - details to be advised