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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



What are your hopes and dreams for our students at MacKillop Catholic College?

Please read the attached Vision and Mission Statement and return your feedback to me before the beginning of Term 4. The College Board is certainly interested in your responses. We need to picture clearly our Vision and Mission for MacKillop Catholic College and work together to achieve these outcomes for our community and in particular our students. Through the formulation of this Vision I pray that all our children may grow in their knowledge of self, of others, and of our God.

As another wonderful term draws to completion it is important to acknowledge the work of God as the foundation of our College. One important way we do this is through the celebration of the end of Term Liturgy. I invite and urge all parents and friends of the College to join us in this celebration to be held Friday 28th September at 1.40pm. Here we will give praise and thanks to God for the blessings he has poured out upon us. Thank you for your support, kindness and enthusiasm throughout Term 3. For those taking time off over the next weeks enjoy your time with family and friends.

Finally, please pray for all those involved in the coal face of education at our College. It is quite often a thankless and hard thing our teachers, school officers and administration support staff do. Yet! It is done in Christ's name and for the greater good of others. May we always thank God for our diversity and keep in mind how God is calling us to serve.

Thank you & Blessings.

Lauretta Graham, Principal

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope...Romans 15:13

THE COLLEGE TUCKSHOP IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF YOUR ASSISTANCE. IF YOU CAN SPARE AN HOUR THIS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



STUDENT VACANCIES — ENROL NOW!

Enrolments are currently being taken for Years 7 - 9, in 2012 & Years 7—10, in 2013

*Working Bee Reminder
Parents' & Friends Meeting Reminder*

Teaching & Learning at MacKillop



Laretta Graham
Principal

What does a responsive, achieving “Middle Years” look like?

It is a school whose mission, ethos, culture, structure, organisation, curriculum, co-curriculum, and instruction is explicitly dedicated to the achievement of every student and adult in the building... It is not a school where administrators and teachers assume they know all they need to know and that their work is limited to imparting their knowledge to students. In an achieving Middle Years the administrators, teachers and students understand that they all have something to teach and a lot to learn. (*H. Mizell-Clark Foundation, 2002*)

In other words, we must become an active community that involves every person at every level within the school. For this to happen excellent communication needs to exist between students, teachers and parents. As we move into Term 4, staff are looking at improving their teaching and learning strategies, making for more effective ways of teaching our young people. Staff are drawing connections between key learning areas and encouraging each other to move towards methods of active group learning so that students gain meaningful and lasting knowledge through constructive thinking, collaborative problem-solving and

responsible social interactions. Learning during Term 4, in our Middle Years’ classrooms, is looking exciting.

WE WELCOME MRS STELLA WALLIS



Stella is a highly accomplished school officer experienced at working with students with special needs and learning difficulties. Stella returns to the Territory and is excited to be part of our College. Please welcome Stella when you see her about the school.

WE THANK AND FAREWELL MISS KATE ROACHE



Kate has been with us as an educational and curriculum consultant here at MCC for seven weeks. Kate we shall miss your enthusiasm, energy and expertise in the area of planning and program writing.

Thank you Kate.

Kindest Regards
Laretta Graham
Principal

College Fees

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/guardians who are up to date with their school fees. Reminder statements were sent last week to those families with outstanding fees. Prompt payment would be most appreciated. However we would like to make you aware that in justice to all families in our community, it is the policy of the College to withhold report cards if fees are outstanding and no arrangement has been negotiated between parents/guardians and the Principal.

Mrs Michelle Chambers
Business Manager

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

The media assessments for Years 7-9 have been postponed until Term 4.

Apologies to parents who have been diligently supporting their children in their revision and study.



Miss Morgan
English Co-ordinator



Religious Education from Mrs. Marie Butt APRE

Sunday Mass

Times for:

Our Lady Help of Christians Palmerston -

Sat 6pm; Sun 8:30pm & 6pm. St Francis of Assisi - Sun 9:30am & 6:00pm

SAVE THE DATE: REMEMBRANCE DAY

Please keep Friday 9th November free. Join us at the College at 10.30am for our **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

TINNIES FOR VINNIES

During October and November we are conducting a **TINNIES FOR VINNIES** drive at the College.

I would ask that students and parents donate

NON PERISHABLE food-stuffs to assist the work of ST Vincent De Paul in feeding those who are struggling in our community.

Each morning in Morning Roll students can bring their cans/ packets to the Chapel to build a pyramid of cans.

Let us see if we can reach the ceiling!

Thank you for your support.

Regards
Mrs Butt

Class Masses are scheduled for 9.30am each Monday.

Parents are most welcome to join us at these times.

TERM 4

Week 1: Monday 8th October - Homeform 7.1 Miss McCann

Week 2: Monday 15th October - Homeform 7.2 Ms Arakkal

Class Masses

Class Masses will continue in Term 4 with Father Tom.



With our holiday break approaching many in our school community will be travelling. Let us offer a prayer for a safe journey for all.

Prayer before Starting on a Journey

My holy Angel Guardian, ask the Lord to bless the journey which I undertake, that it may profit the health of my soul and body; that I may reach its end, and that, returning safe and sound, I may find my family in good health. Do thou guard, guide and preserve us. Amen.

We also remember all those Defence Families who are part of our College community. We ask that you pray especially for those on deployment overseas.

Prayer for Those in Military Service

God of compassion, we pray for military personnel, offered for the sake of others, and separated from family and loved ones. Care for them; meet their needs. Grant them courage, compassion, strength, and all they need for the living of these days. Sustain them through their every trial. Remind them of the humanity they share even with those who are called "the enemy;" through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Palmerston
Sessions Sunday 26th August—7th October 2012
with Parish Priest, Father Tom English

5.00pm in the Presbytery, 34 Emery Avenue, Woodroffe, before 6.00pm Mass

Confirmation Mass Celebrated - By Bishop Eugene Hurley

Saturday evening 13th October 11.00pm

Candidates can be Year 6 or older. Enquiries to Father Tom English on 89323922 or MacKillop Catholic College on 89305757 or Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School on 89322888



Position Vacant

MacKillop Catholic College Tuckshop requires a "Tuckshop Assistant"

For 3 hours per day! 10.45am-1.45pm

Applicants must have:

- A current ochre card;
- Food handling skills;
- A first aid certificate would be an advantage
- A resume & 3 referees

Applications close 17th September 2012

Apply in writing to the Principal, Mrs Lauretta Graham



For all your Party needs! Come & see us ! Shop 2 446 Stuart Hwy Winnellie or phone 899471722

P&F Page

P&F Working Bee

Our next Working Bee will be Sunday, 8am to 10am, on the 14th of October. Now for this we need the MEN (and the women to organise them).

We will:

Sub-divide and **re-pot plants:** Ready for the Xmas Fair

Plant 4 trees along the Lambrick Fence Line: Future noise reduction & beautification.

Relocate 2 shelf units Music Room set up.

Wash tables: Cleanliness is next to Godliness.

Wash Windows and paths: Just because we can and it's the build up and – well, I like to play with water.



light activity

heavy activity

medium activity

light activity

fun activity

Tea, Coffee and poppers provided. **A FREE** sausage sizzle for volunteers. A chance to assist the College, meet other parents, build a community spirit and have a little fun.

Contact the College or call Dennis on 04 000 44 767.

*We have people waiting to take your call, **NOW!***

Thank you Dennis Matthews, President

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Vision Statement

As a faith community with Christ as our focus we, like Mary MacKillop, follow Him and inspire:

- Strong, clear minds which value learning;
- Compassionate hearts, and,
- Courageous spirits to serve others with confidence.

“If we love one another, Christ lives in us” (1 John 4:12)

Mission Statement

At MacKillop Catholic College, we aspire to become what God intended us to be. Members of our College Community will:

- Give daily witness and be open to the presence of Christ amongst us;
- Engage in quality teaching and learning enabling individuals to reach their full potential;
- Exhibit a strong sense of compassion, fairness and justice;
- Be optimistic in the face of challenges;
- Promote opportunities for participation in and contribution to the home, Parish, College and Community;
- Seek the truth fearlessly, and
- Lead with courage

Calendar of Coming Events

September

26th Sept: Music Electives Evening & BBQ Tea 6pm

28th Sept LAST DAY OF TERM 3!



October

8th Oct: 1ST DAY OF TERM 4!

8th Oct: P&F Meeting 7pm

11th Oct: Sacrament Confirmation Retreat—5pm

13th Oct: Sacrament of Confirmation

15th-16th Oct: Rugby Trip to Katherine

Week 5: Date Claimer
Working Bee REMINDER!
Sunday 19th October 2012

24th Rugby Gala - 8.30am-10.30am

November

7th Nov: End of year Music Concert & BBQ tea 6pm

13th Nov: Lunch with the College Captains

20th Nov: Year 7 2013 Orientation Day



December

Fri 7th Dec: Carols and Christmas Fair

11th Dec: Last School Day of Year - Last Day Liturgy 9.00am