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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, A very warm welcome to Term 3.

This term we are extremely delighted to welcome the following new staff to our College: Mrs Megan Fordham, Mrs Catherine Pennington, Miss Brodie McCutcheon, Mr Roy Anderson and Mr John Chisholm. Please make them feel welcome when you see them about the College.

We sincerely thank those who have left us at the end of last term: Ms Melanie Voakes, Ms Rosie Morgan, and Mr Andrew Pawley. We wish them well in their new endeavours and thank them for their contribution to our College.

My message to students this term is to enjoy school and work hard. A simple message but extremely important. As adults we could sometimes think that the two are irreconcilable; to enjoy and to work hard. Walking around the classrooms this last week I have seen just that. Our students working hard and enjoying what they do. Classes have started well, students are focused and on task.

In reality we all believe that “ONLY OK” isn't really O.K. This reminds me of another story from another place. It goes like this:

One day a man asked a top basketball player, “Do you really like to play basketball?”

“Yeah, more than anything else I could be doing now,” the basketball player replied.

“That's great.” The man said. “You know, I once played the trumpet. I think I know how you feel. I played in a little band. We were good. We'd play on weekends at colleges. In my last year, we had an offer to tour and make records. Everyone wanted to except me.” “Why didn't you?” said the basketball player.

“My father thought it wasn't secure enough. Well, I didn't know. I guess I agreed. The life is so transient. You're always on the road. No sureness that you'll get your next job. It just doesn't fit into a life plan. So I went to study law and I quit playing the trumpet, except every once in a while. Now I don't have time.”

“It's okay. But it's nothing like playing the trumpet.”

As we enter this last semester of 2013, it is important to take some time to reflect on what has passed already and reassess what is necessary to do this semester. What price are we willing to pay to realise the dreams and hopes we hold in the depths of our hearts, and exactly what sacrifices are we willing to make, and what hard work are we willing to take on, in order to become the kind of person we want to be: to be a trumpet player, demands hard work, sacrifice and commitment; to be a person of faith is also not without cost. The message can be simple but difficult: “to focus on the real call and purpose of our lives; being the best person we can be.

There are three very important dates to circle in your diaries. They are:

Parent/Teacher /Student Conferences, Weds 7th August 3:30pm
MacKillop Feast Day Mass Celebrations – Thurs 8th August, 9am
Whole College Working Bee - Sun 11th August 8.00 – 10.00am

Thoroughly enjoy Term 3, God bless. May God continue to protect and bless your families,

Lauretta Graham, Principal



Laretta Graham
Principal

From the Principal's Office

You are invited to nominate for membership on
the:
College Board
or
A Board Committee.

The Board Committees are:

- Pastoral Care
- Finance, Facilities and Resources
- Catholic Identity
- Teaching and Learning
- Culture and Community
- Parents and Friends

Email: laretta.graham@nt.catholic.edu.au

*Next P&F
Meeting
Monday
12th August
2013—7pm*

Please Help!!!

MacKillop Parents & Friends need your help
cooking for the Tuckshop – everything provided all
we need is you

Three shifts 10am – 2pm; 10am -12noon; 12noon-
2pm

<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday	10 th August
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday	25 th August

Please email Laretta.graham@nt.catholic.edu.au
with your preferred date and shift.

Working Bee!!

All Welcome!

Saturday 11th August 2013
8am-10am



Please bring tools
for:

Putting up basketball
hoops in to hard stand;
line marking handball courts, covering
books, cleaning store rooms, cleaning walls,
mulching, fencing around kitchen garden,
gardening, moving furniture. **Morning
tea & cold drinks provided**



**Marie Butt
APRE**

From the RE Department

Year 8 Religious Education

During Term 2 the Year 8 Cohort were studying Discipleship. The Year 8.2 class completed their culminating task last week with the visual representation of Genesis 1 and 2. This is the Biblical account of how God created the World in seven days and the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden with the Tree of Knowledge. Ms Rachel Butt 8.2 RE Teacher.



Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

When: Wednesday 7th August 2013

From: 3.30pm-6.30pm

Venue: The College Library

An Invitation has been sent to parents/guardians this week. If you wish to see your son/daughter's teachers, please fill out the times suitable to you and your son/daughter will then take this form to the nominated teacher(s) and arrange the appointments on your behalf. Thank you and see you on Wednesday Evening.

Introducing our new Staff



Megan Fordham

My name is Megan Fordham and new to MacKillop. I am originally from South Africa, immigrated to New Zealand when I was 16 and now call the Territory my home. For the last 2 and a half years I have been teaching science and maths to the year 8's at Taminmin College in Humpty Doo and will now be teaching science and maths to the year 7's and 9's at MacKillop. I have a Bachelor in Equine Science and a Graduate Diploma in Teaching.



Catherine Pennington

I began my teaching career 25 years ago in the field of Music and in particular piano. I taught in various places across Australia before arriving in Darwin where I decided to diversify and returned to study and added the areas of English and History (SOSE) and this year completed a Master of History. I have been warmly welcomed by the staff and students at Mackillop College and am very happy to be part of the college community.



My name is **Brodie McCutcheon** and I am originally from Warrnambool in Victoria. I attended University at the University of Ballarat which is renowned for its sports programs and teaching courses. I have taken on the exciting roll of Sports Coordinator for MacKillop Catholic College which I am very excited about. I am the homeform teacher of 7.4 and teach in the areas of Physical Education, Health, Maths and Religious Education. We have a busy semester coming up with lots of opportunities for students to excel in the sporting field. On the 1st of August around 60 students will be attending the Top End Athletics Carnival which is to be held at the Marrara Sports Complex against all of the other Schools in the Northern Territory-so would love if you could make it and show some support for the MacKillop team and hopefully we will have some success. I have a passion for sports and fitness as well as educating and maintaining positive relationships with my students. MacKillop is a fantastic learning environment which I am excited to be a part of. My goal is to provide opportunities for the students of MacKillop in any way I can. I am thrilled to announce the introduction of the Duke of Edinburgh program to MacKillop and to offer the award to the students along with Lance Johnson who is a parent of the school and developing a program which offers school camps and the skills necessary for survival in the outback. We have recently been fortunate enough to receive brand new netball bodysuits which will be used by our College netball team on Thursday nights at the local competition at the Palmerston netball courts. Throughout the year we will be holding college fundraising for the sports program at MacKillop Catholic College which aims and providing equipment and opportunities to our students-so I invite parents and friends to support the College in any way they can. Please feel free to contact me at any time regarding the Sports Program at MacKillop and I look forward to meeting with you. Also if anyone would like to assist with any sporting days please feel free to get in touch, it would be fantastic to have the help of parents and friends.

Duke of Edinburgh Program & Netball News

With Miss McCutcheon





Roy Anderson

Greetings to all! I have been teaching for the last 10 years in New Zealand and Australia. In the Territory I have taught in OLSH Thamarrurr Catholic School in Wadeye (Port Keats), at Willowra as a Teacher/Principal (in the Tanami desert), and have been at Taminmin College for the last 5 ½ years. I feel welcomed by the staff and students here at Mackillop Catholic College and look forward to joining the Mackillop community and meeting many more of you.

College Notice Board

Immunisations

Round 3 Immunisations at MacKillop will be on 10th September 2013!

The School Nurses will be completing the HPV vaccine for all Year 7 & 9 males. Also mantoux (TB) testing for Year 8 overseas born & any Year 8 Boostrix (tetanus that have been missed previously)... Kate Middleton

College Vegie Patch

Thanks to Mr Barry and the Parents & Friends at various working Bees we have a beautiful Vegie patch at the College located at the back of Block A West.

This garden It is part of a whole range of curriculum based studies. The College Community is encouraged to



come and pick some produce for their home use. It is also used in the Food Technology classes. **Please remind your son/daughters to respect this food.**

School Based Constable Tanith Blair...



Advised that police will be conducting regular speed checks in and around school zones in the near future. *No-one speeds at*

MacKillop Catholic College so we'll be fine!

Swimming

Program started on Tuesday 30th July - 4.00pm at the pool each Tuesday!

John Katal



Enrol Now for 2014

Interviews for Years 7 to 11 are now being conducted and we are excited about the positive response. This growth is indicative of the strong reputation MacKillop holds in the wider community and the parish communities of Palmerston and Humpty Doo.

Our policy requires the completion of a confidential enrolment application accompanied by the necessary documentation followed by an interview with the Principal or her nominee.

Please call: Jo on 89305713 for an enrolment pack or

Email: jo.flanagan@nt.catholic.edu.au

Lets celebrate our Student's Achievements!

Royal Darwin Show!



Congratulations

Here is *Shannyn Flanagan*, one of our Year 8 students, receiving her award from the Chief Minister, Mr Adam Giles for:

Junior Steward of the Year!

Congratulations to both girls!



Congratulations

And *Miya Fleming*, a Year 7 student, and one of her horses, "Doc" in the led quarter horse mare class, which they won!

Miya and both her horses won and were placed in several classes over the show! Well done Miya!!!

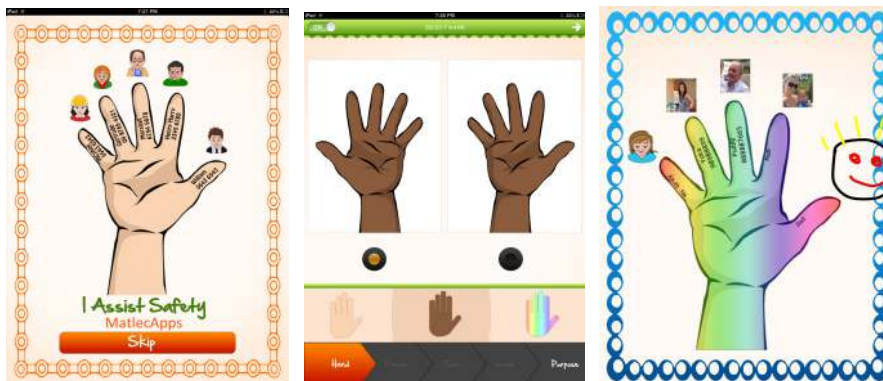


College Calendar of Coming Events

29th-31st July	Year 7.1 & Year 7.3 Retreat
31st-2nd August	Year 7.2 & 7.4 Retreat
Monday 5th August	Picnic Day Public Holiday - College Closed
7th August	Parent/Teacher/student Conferences
8th August	MacKillop Dash; St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass & Activities
12-14th August	Year 9 Camp - Base Camp Wallaroo
14th-16th August	Year 8 Camp - /Base Camp Wallaroo
21st August	College Library Working Bee - Saturday 8am-10am
29th August	MacKillop College Cross Country Event
9th September	PUPIL FREE DAY - STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Community Capers!

AssistSafety App helps children learn protective behaviours. Using a hand IAssistSafety allows a child to identify 5 adults who they could ask for help if feeling unsafe. The hand assists children to remember their safe people. These 5 adults will help the child to be safe if they are scared, worried, sad or just need help. This App helps to give your child a voice in keeping themselves safe. Available in Google Play or the Apple Store.



Commerce-PINTS Hockey Club

**‘Thinking about
a team sport?’**

It’s not too late to come and try.

New players, all abilities welcome

Tuesdays, 5.30pm for juniors under
16

Marrara Hockey Centre

We are a fun, friendly and family-oriented club. Come and meet our players and have a go before the season ends.

Contact: Robyn Northcote

email: knorthcote@aapt.net.au

Voice Movement Support Group For Youth at risk of Self Harm

Groups will be held once a month at our Centre

Dates: 23/8/2013 at 1.30pm; 5/10/2013 at 9.00am;
2/11/2013 at 9.00am; 30/12/2013 at 9.00am

Come along and meet other teenagers in a supportive
and caring environment.

To register your interest please contact: 89856067 or
email Barbara.kapser@steppingstonetherapy.com.au

There is a cost involved



**Family fun at the
Darwin Festival!
8th-25th August
2013!**

**A NT Government Sponsored
Event**

Lots of activities and Events to attend!

Phone 89434222

Or visit the website at darwinfestival.org.au