



## Newsletter - Week 4 August 2013, ISSUE 10

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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,

**Towards Year 11, in 2014.** When you stand on the Library verandah looking towards the south across MacKillop Courtyard, our eyes are drawn to the building pads of Stage 2. This is the location of much activity in the near future. As College Principal, I am pleased to announce that we will be going out to tender shortly and building of Stage 2 will commence following that tender process.

Throughout the very short history of this College, we have met new challenges and stages of development head on and managed each beautifully with the help of a very generous and committed College Community. We look forward eagerly to the development of Stage 2 which will bring many needed facilities to our College; providing the very best for our present and future students.

Other recent College successes include: the prize winning teams in the Bridge Building competition (Awarded \$1500); MacKillop Feast Day Mass and Celebrations; the return of our World Youth Day Pilgrims from Rio; the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme launch; Year 7 Retreats; the election of our Student Representative Council - SRC; the SRC Disco to name a few.

Congratulations to Year 8 student Jasper Pfau who is our worthy recipient of the Mary MacKillop Character Award. It is without a doubt that Jasper is a most deserving Awardee.

Recently, I read that the most important thing we need to do each day is pray and reflect. Our year sevens enjoyed this change of pace and time to reflect throughout the Year Seven Retreats. For this reason let us take a moment out and sit quietly with this powerful story:

#### **Water the Sage**

*A great teacher was renowned for his wisdom and insight. People would travel great distances to meet and talk with him. He was most generous in sharing what he had discerned from his many years of prayer and learning.*

*One of his students asked him who had been his greatest teacher. The old Sage's surprising response: WATER*

*Water he explained is yielding but all conquering. Water extinguishes fire, or, finding itself defeated by flame, escapes as steam and re-forms as Water. Water washes away soft Earth, or, when confronted by Rock, seeks a way around it. Water corrodes Iron till it crumbles to dust; it saturates the atmosphere so that Wind dies. Water gives way to obstacles with deceptive humility, for no power can prevent it following its destined course to the sea. Water conquers by yielding; it never attacks but always wins the last battle.*

*The Sage said to the students that whoever makes himself like Water is distinguished for his humility; the student of Water embraces the power of righteousness and the way of peace; the disciple of Water acts from a place of thoughtful stillness and conquers the world.*

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**"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"**



Water is an excellent parable for us at MacKillop with our charism of discipleship and love for others. Like Mary MacKillop we choose to be a disciple of Jesus; humble in service to others and giving one's self totally and completely to nurture and sustain life in its fullest in others.

As you go about your busy term activities, allow enough space in your lives for beauty, creativity, imagination and prayer. May your journey be blessed with a prayerful and a peaceful spirit. Pope John Paul reminded us that: *"your life may be the only gospel some people will ever read"*

### **Some Information as parents and students head towards Yr 11 in 2014**

#### **Year 11 and 12 students enrol in the NTCET.**

The NTCET is an internationally recognised qualification, designed to recognise the knowledge and skills that have been acquired through formal education and training.

The NTCET provides students with access to flexible learning arrangements where students have increased opportunities to develop the business, interpersonal and employment-related skills needed for the future.

NT utilises the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) Board for the qualification of the NTCET. The qualification is certified by the Northern Territory Board of Studies (NTBOS).

**In order to gain a Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET), students are required to complete 200 credits**, which include:

- twenty credits of literacy, ten credits of numeracy (can be gained at Stage 1 or 2), ten credits of the Stage 1 Personal Learning Plan (the PLP is usually studied at Year 10) – all at a C grade or above;
- sixty credits of Stage 2 subjects at a C minus grade or above (this can include VET that is recognised at Stage 2 level), and;
- one hundred and forty credits at a C grade or above.

Presently our Yr 10 students are undergoing studies in PLP.

Subjects for Yr 11 will be offered in nine learning areas (Arts, Business, Enterprise and Technology, Cross-Disciplinary, English and English as a Second Language, Health and Physical Education, Humanities and Social Science, Languages, Mathematics and Science).

Over the next few weeks we will interview every year 10 student with their parents to ascertain subject preferences for 2014. As a College we will endeavour to provide our students with their first choice. In year 10, students are limited in their elective choice due to the requirements of the Australian Curriculum (Yr 1 to 10) that dictates that it is compulsory for all Year 10 students to study: Mathematics, English, Science and History and as a Catholic School we have Religious Education. As well as this we need to cover PLP in readiness for year 11.

**I ask that parents contact me directly if they are in anyway dissatisfied with the subject choice available to their students or if we are failing to meet our commitments to you and your children.**

VET is recognised within the NTCET as are other community developed programs (e.g. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Australian Music Examination Board music exams) and community learning. **We offer both Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Australian Music Examination Board music exams.** For details contact Brodie McCutcheon and David Graham respectively.

Students who enter the NTCET from interstate, overseas, with International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB) grades or as an adult student can apply to have their previous study recognised.

Modified programs can be offered to students with significant intellectual disabilities. Students are eligible to enrol in modified subjects if they have identified intellectual disabilities and will not be able to reach the performance standard.

In conclusion, the staff at MacKillop wish all in our school community God's peace and joy during the coming busy weeks. Thank you for all that you have done this year.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

**Laretta Graham**  
**Principal**



**Marie Butt  
APRE**

## From the RE Department– Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

The Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop was celebrated in style at the College on Thursday 8th August. Bishop Eugene Hurley celebrated Mass along with Father Milton and Father Joey.

At the conclusion of Mass the MacKillop Character Award for 2013 was presented to Jasper Pfau.

Students, staff, members of the MacKillop College community and guests then enjoyed a celebration cake and morning tea.



The MacKillop Dash was run with winners in each Year Level presented with medallions. The Champion Boy was Keanu Lee-Feeney and the Champion Girl was Lily Knight. The spirited competition included a staff race with Bishop Hurley giving a running commentary whilst on the track.

The day continued with fun and competition in the Staff v's Student Touch game and House Tug of War contest.



## Year 7 Retreat



I enjoyed Mrs Graham's Rosary beads-Bec



I enjoyed the 5 prayer stations-Jamie



I enjoyed it all-Zane



I enjoyed it all-Tchario



The singing and dancing was fun-Tullalah



The walls were thin and you could hear other people talk.



We had some great Year 9 helpers!



Now, which one is mine?



See...it's not cold!

Sleep Time!





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

## Academic Studies



# Open Day

**Sunday 25th August**

**10am-2pm**

**CASUARINA CAMPUS - [cdu.edu.au/openday](http://cdu.edu.au/openday)**

**Dear MacKillop Catholic College Parents,  
Guardians and Year 9 students,**

**You are invited to attend a Year 9 into Year 10  
Information Evening**

on **Wednesday 21st August** in the MacKillop Catholic College Library. The evening will begin at 7pm and run through to 8.30pm.

You will be given information about the Year 10 Pattern of Study and Subjects, and about the Pathways from Year 10 into Years 11 and 12.

Teaching staff and support staff will be available to answer questions following the information session.

**Kind Regards,  
Elizabeth Mountford  
Deputy Principal  
Academic Studies**



**Pauline Watson**  
SOSE Coordinator

## From the SOSE Department



MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE  
**BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY**  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August (week 5)**  
**Come dressed up as your favourite character**

**PRIZES** for Best Dressed year 7,8,9 and 10  
**The Parade will commence at 2.20pm - All welcome**



**Brodie McCutcheon**  
Sports Coordinator

## From the Sports Department

**Congratulations** to our MacKillop Catholic College Athletics Team who participated recently in the PARCS Athletics Carnival - they did a great job for the school!

A Special mention to the students who have got through to the next round of competition and will represent the PARCS Region:

**Alysha Healy** - 100m; 200m; long jump

**Kaleb Pene** - high jump; long jump

**Shaquille McLeod** - 200m; long jump

**Zoe Carrier** - shot put; javelin



**REMINDER:** to all Year 8/9 students wanting to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award to return their forms to me for another **INFORMATION SESSION**

### **SPORTS EVENTS coming up:**

**AUSTAG** Girls Competition on 22nd August; **Cross Country** on 29th August; **Orienteering**; **Golf Day**; **Swimming Carnival**—20th September

*Lots of exciting events for you all to participate in! I look forward to seeing you all! And...*

*Don't forget the gym will be open for students at 7.00am each Friday morning!*

## College Notice Board

**Celebrating our Students' Achievements!**

### Mary MacKillop Character Award



Mary MacKillop embodied all that is best in our nation and in its people:

- ◆ Courage;
- ◆ Genuine openness to others;
- ◆ Hospitality to strangers;
- ◆ Generosity to the needy;
- ◆ Justice to those unfairly treated;
- ◆ Perseverance in the face of adversity; and
- ◆ Kindness and support to the suffering.

Presented to:

**Jasper Pfau**

Who during 2013, emulated the life and values of our Patron Saint Mary MacKillop

**Principal:**

**Date:**

## College Calendar of Coming Events

14th-16th August	Year 8 Camp - Base Camp Wallaroo
19th-23rd August	Bookweek - Dress Up Parade Friday 23rd August (Week 5)
21st August	Year (9 & 10 Evening "Curriculum Patterning" SACE Requirement
<b>22nd August-6th September</b>	<b>Ski Trip</b>
24th August	Library Working Bee
25th August	Canteen Cookup
29th August	MacKillop College Cross Country Event
4th September	College Tour
5th September	Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening t2014
<b>9th September</b>	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY - STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>
<b>20th September</b>	<b>Swimming Carnival</b>

## Parents & Friends Committee



# Canteen Cookup!

**Sunday 25th August**

**12pm-2pm**

We would greatly appreciate donations of:

Muffin, scone, piklet & cake mixes

Milk Eggs Flour

**Thank you for your help!**



## Community Capers!



### 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



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

**A NT Government Sponsored  
Event**

**Lots of activities and Events to attend!  
Phone 89434222**