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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,

Over the past weeks my leadership team and I have had the delightful experience of conducting dozens of enrolment interviews for 2014. Speaking with these young people and their families has been an absolute pleasure. I have been inspired by their desire to embrace Catholic Education at MacKillop Catholic College. These interviews have been a time to celebrate and share the wonderful story of their lives through their primary years and hear their aspirations for education through to year 12 and beyond.

In 2012, we educated 89 students comprising of years 7 through to 9, and this year we have 220 students through to year 10. In 2014, we confidently predict well over 300 students. Positive growth such as this enables us to offer all subjects that students desire and with these student numbers the opportunities to further enhance extra curricula programs is a reality.

The story of the modern Catholic school is about striving to be communities.....

- that live out the message of Jesus;
- that serve the common good;
- that strive from excellence in providing for the holistic development of students – spiritually, intellectually, culturally, physically, socially and emotionally;
- that foster life-long learning;
- that work in close partnership with families, parish and wider communities;
- that are modern and progressive;
- that meet the specific needs of local communities;
- that nurture caring, supportive and "life giving" relationships; and
- that follow 'best practice' in the provision of safe and secure school environments that recognise they are part of a community of schools united in a common vision.

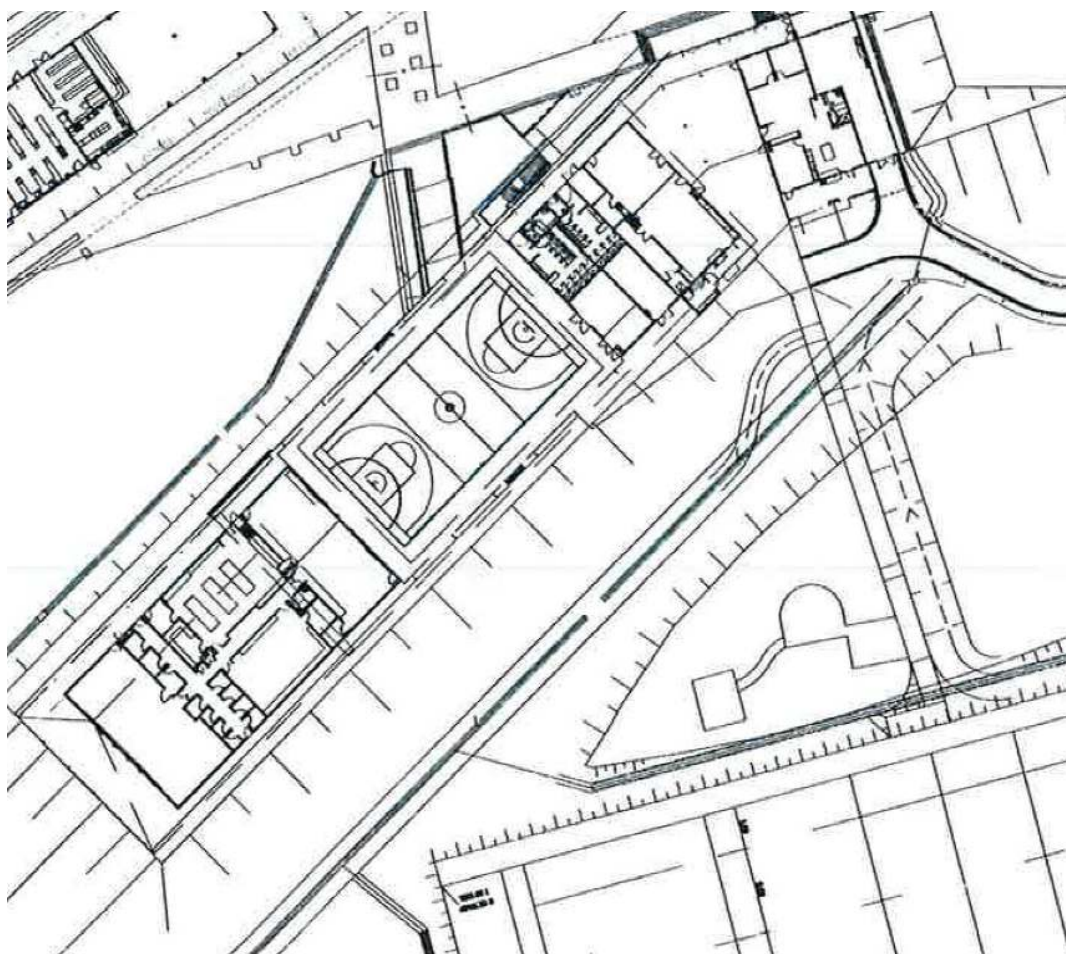
Catholic Education at MacKillop is unfolding new opportunities for 2014 for all involved in our College. Come "share the story".

**Lauretta Graham,
Principal**



Laretta Graham
Principal

Stage 2 Expansion soon to go to tender:



**MacKillop
Catholic
College
Tour**

**Wednesday 4th September
2013**

5.00pm

All Welcome!

Reminder

Pupil Free Day

For Teacher Professional
Development

**Monday 9th September
2013**

Next Monday



**Marie Butt
APRE**

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

YEAR 7 CATHEDRAL VISIT

On Monday of Week 5 all Year 7 students took part in an excursion to Saint Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral, in Darwin city, to complete a major assessment task. Students explored the building and its furnishings, and learnt of the history of the Cathedral and the past and present Bishops. All students completed a workbook of notes in preparation for producing their digital Cathedral Book Assessment. Some students also took photographs to record their research. Father Miguel celebrated Mass at midday and the students joined in singing and reading for the Mass. The

Year 7's then walked to the Esplanade to enjoy lunch and play on the playground. A great day was had by all!



Sacrament of Confirmation

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation 5pm Sunday before the 6pm Sunday Mass

Confirmation, a sacrament of initiation, establishes young adults as full members of their catholic faith. This sacrament is called *Confirmation* because the faith given in Baptism is now confirmed and made strong.

Contact Marie Butt for details on: marie.butt@nt.catholic.edu.au

Those doing RCIA with Mrs Graham need not apply

Notice to Year 10 into 11 Students

Regarding Yr 10 into 11 Subject Evening

Thank you to all year 10 parents and students for the opportunity to meet in person to discuss course details, for 2014. It was a delight to hear the interests and inspirations of our young people. During these meetings SACE, Open Education and VET subjects and courses for 2014 were tabled; giving all concerned a clear picture of the many choices available. In addition, during these interviews, Yr 10 into 11 Transition Plan was distributed and it is now the requirement of all students to have this **back to me (the Principal) by the Friday 13th September**. When completed and returned by each student this plan will detail clearly the preferred subjects of interest / course of study for 2014 and beyond. From here we will formulate the lines of offerings and meet again for an evening meeting with parents to discuss the next step.

Taking all this into consideration there is possibly no need for any information evening, at this point in time. We welcome individual appointments for parents and students who may need some further support with the transition form. The date of the next information night will be shortly after the subject lines for 2014 have been formulated.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Lauretta Graham
Principal

College Calendar of Coming Events

31st August - 8th September	Ski Trip Excursion
4th September	College Tour
7th September	Saturday - Library and grass cutting Working Bee - 8.00am-10.00am
9th September	PUPIL FREE DAY - STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
20th September	Swimming Carnival at the Palmerston Pool
27th September	LAST DAY OF TERM 3
7th October	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4



Pauline Watson
Head of Humanities

From the Humanities Department

ENGLISH NEWS

Book Week

The first book week celebration for MacKillop Catholic College was a resounding success! On Friday the 23rd August we held a dress up parade where the students got to dress up as their favourite book characters. The day featured many special characters from children's classics such as Alice, The White Rabbit, The White Queen and the Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland through to modern texts such as Twilight, Monster High and Hunger Games. Students were given the opportunity to parade down the catwalk to show off their amazing costumes and book prizes were awarded for the best costumes in year 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Here are some examples of the costumes worn!





Brodie McCutcheon
Sports Coordinator

From the Sports Department

School Sports Events



It has been a busy few weeks with lots of opportunities for the students at MacKillop to have a go and participate in a range of interschool sports events. In week 3 we had Cricket which we took 2 teams of year 7, 8 and 9 boys playing against Kormilda College and Rosebery Middle School.

In week 4 we took two teams to softball which was played at Good Shepard-Howard Springs. MacKillop

were fortunate enough to take out the flag winning 1st place in the competition.

In week 6 we took 2 teams of year 7 and 9 girls to play Austag against other schools-the girls played very well and were unfortunately beaten in the grand final against Kormilda College. Best players were Alysha Healy, La-Toniya Norris and Miya Flemming-well done girls.



It's great to see our students representing our College so well and we have some very talented athletes.

Remember gym sessions are still running every Friday morning at 7am at the MacKillop Gym and breakfast is provided to those students who attend. They are to come in full sports uniform and to bring normal school uniform to get changed after it.



David Graham
Rugby League
Coordinator

Rugby League Presentation Night & Fundraiser

Friday 18th October from 6.00pm - \$15pp
Organising Meeting Monday 9th September-
6.00pm! Come along and help make Presentation
Night a success!



MCC Official Merchandise: Polo shirts now available!
Contact Mr Graham

Year 8 Retreat in pictures!



"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"

College Notice Board

Celebrating our Staff Achievements!



Congratulations:

To Mr TJ Mundy JP, our Finance Officer, who was appointed as a Justice of the Peace for the Northern Territory on 17th June 2013. Mr Mundy has indicated his willingness to assist our College Community in his capacity as a Justice of the Peace if called upon.

To Mr Graham, our Head of Music, who recently played with the Australian Army Band at the Parliament House Open Day last weekend.



And to Mr Francis, Year 7 Coordinator, awarded AFLNT School Ambassador of the Year 2013! For his work with the AFLNT Schools Program this year!

And our Students' Achievements!

NT Title Holder - 4 years out of 5!

Ryan Thomas, Year 10 Student, flying through the mud on his way to winning one of the NT Titles! He is off to the Australian Titles in Coolumberr, Queensland this weekend, to compete in the under 16 boys 200/300cc quad class! All the best Ryan!

Also all the best to Mikayla Condon who is also going over to the Championships!



Music Support Committee Meeting

To those parents/friends interested...
We are having a **Music Support
Committee Meeting** next
Wednesday night **4th SEPTEMBER
@ 6pm**

If you are interested in helping to
build the music program and support
our students at MacKillop, St Francis
and Sacred Heart. Please come
along, your support is welcome and
much needed!

Refreshments will be available.

David Graham
Instrumental Music Coordinator



Immunisations

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

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



Working BEES!

We need your Help!



Saturday
7th September
2013

8.00am-10.00am

Library - covering
books

Entrance to MacKillop Court -
cutting grass - please bring your
brushcutters or whippersnippers!

Community Capers!

CatholicCare NT



Triple P P-12 years
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Tuesday 17th September 2013 - 4
weeks: 6.30pm-8.30pm
At 17 Hidden Valley Road, Berrimah.
For more information contact: 89442000



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