



Newsletter - Week 10 September 2013,

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"Never see a need without trying to do something about it"

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Enrolments are now open for students wishing to enter MacKillop in Year 7 through to Year 11, in 2014. please contact the College for more information.

Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Community,

With all that is happening it's almost hard to believe that Term 3, 2013, is drawing to a close and that we will take a well-earned break. As we prepare for the onset of Term 4, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for all that was achieved this term. In particular we thank and farewell Mrs Elizabeth Mountford who has decided to take more time with family and enjoy her beautiful grandchildren. We also thank Mr John Chisholm, a pre-service teacher, who has been at our College for prac this term. We will miss you both and we thank you for your contribution to our College.

Next term we welcome Miss Kate Brady who will teach in the areas of English, Drama, Religious Education and SOSE. When you see Kate around our campus please make her feel welcome as you do.

This has been a term of outstanding teacher practice and improved student engagement in learning. Repeatedly, I hear teachers say that their primary focus is their students, and constantly I hear them ask the vital question, *"what will benefit my students?"* and base their judgments on students as centre.

Throughout this edition you will experience first-hand the picture of MacKillop's success. Recent triumphs are in the form of: The Swimming Carnival, SOSE Excursions; Rugby League; and the Duke of Edinburgh sign up, and the list goes on.

Lift the Bar - our slogan for Term 4

Here at MacKillop we seek to create an environment that enhances learning, nurtures young people, and empowers them to live Catholic faith in the spirit of Jesus Christ by developing a hunger in them for the learning adventure. To do this our students need to demonstrate behaviours that are conducive to learning. These behaviours do not include: walking off when spoken to, swearing or coming unprepared for class. I have asked our teachers to work closely with parents in situations where these behaviours are ongoing. As you know, when the home and school work together students experience most success.

Throughout the coming term we will also be encouraging our students, because of their faith commitment, to help others. This is another part of our mission at MacKillop. Leadership in the area of community service is an important tenet. For this reason our year 10 students can start their one hundred hours community service which will qualify them for a College Reference on their graduation from our College in Year 12. Providing opportunities for our students to put their faith into action is a vital part of the education we offer. This is all part of educating our graduates to become knowledgeable, socially engaged citizens who are able to integrate Catholic social teaching and Gospel values into their lives. Enjoy your break and we will see you next term.

"Go and with what you have and will receive, do all the good you can ...like Jesus, you came to respond to the needs of the people, to bring the love of God into people's lives". Knowledge set in the context of faith becomes wisdom and life vision. (The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third millennium, #14)

**Blessings always,
Lauretta Graham - Principal**

"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"



Laretta Graham
Principal

From the Principal's Desk

Lessons of Life

Everything happens for a reason. Nothing happens by chance or by luck—good or bad: not illness, injury, love lost, moments of true greatness or sheer stupidity. All occur to test the limits of your soul. Without these small tests and losses, life would be like a smoothly paved, straight flat road to nowhere.

If someone hurts you, betrays you, or breaks your heart, forgive them, for they have helped you learn about trust and the importance of being cautious about whom you open your heart to.

If someone loves you, love them back unconditionally, not only because they love you but because they are teaching you to love, and opening your heart and eyes to things you would have never seen or felt without them.

Make every day count. Appreciate every moment and take from it everything that you possibly can, for you may never be able to experience it again.

Talk to people you have never talked to before, and actually listen. Hold your head up because you have every right to tell yourself you are a great individual and believe in yourself, for if you don't believe in yourself no one else will believe in you either.

You can make of your life anything you wish. Create your own life and then go out and live it.
(anon)



Chris Trevillion
Year 8 Level Coordinator

Subject Selection Evening

*An invitation to Years 9 and 10 students and
their parents/guardians/carers*

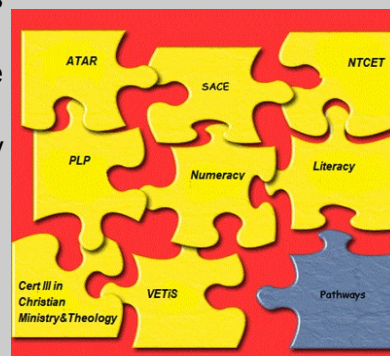
**Week 1 Thursday 10th October 2013 -
5.30pm-6.30pm**



Kirwan Thorbjornsen
Year 10 Level &
Mathematics Coordinator

Subject area coordinators and teachers will be available to:

- assist you to make your Year 10 or Stage 1&2 subject selections for 2014,
- discuss and plan pathways and courses of study through the senior years of schooling,
- help you to understand the compulsory and non-compulsory subjects for the NTCET, and the 200 points and their make-up,
- explain VETiS, TAS subjects and the ATAR.





**Marie Butt
APRE**

From the Religious Education Department



Catholic Mission Month

October is Catholic Mission Month and classes will be raising money for Australian Catholic Missions

Details to be advised.

Have a restful and safe Holiday in preparation for Term 4



**Mrs Vicki Dorgelo
Head of Science**

Science News

Term 3 is coming to an end and all Science classes will be almost finished their assessment tasks. All year levels will commence new topics at the beginning of Term 4. Year 7 will study renewable and non-renewable resources; Year 8 will examine types of energy, Year 9 will consider new aspects of energy and Year 10 will be studying motion and forces.

Night Out with the Stars.

Our astronomy night for Year 7 was a great success with many enjoying pizza and making it a family night out. We were joined for part of the evening by the Scout group. Our presenter for the night, Mr Geoff Carr provided his telescopes for viewing the moon, Saturn and Venus and showed some interesting snippets of video footage from moon landings. He is very knowledgeable and shared lots of information, and fielded many, many questions.

Some quotes:

Darcy: "It was fun looking through the telescope and watching the clips."

Thomas: "We saw how hard it is to get off the ground in space. We saw this awesome app to find constellations."

Carlos: "Pretty good with the clear telescopes."

Denzel: "It was cool when we could see the moon clearly."

Alysha: "Interesting with the big telescopes looking at the moon, Saturn and Venus. The videos .. the whole night was good!"

Emma: "Mind-blowing that I got to see Saturn with my own eyes! It was cool to see the craters on the moon."



Thank you to Mr Yore, Mrs Dowling, Mr Francis and Mrs Fordham who ensured that the evening was well organized and that everyone was well fed with great pizza.



Pauline Watson
Head of Humanities

Geography Excursion

Casuarina Coastal Reserve

Year 7 and 8 attended a full day geography excursion to the Casuarina Coastal Reserve. Year 7's completed a creek study for the Rapid Creek area which included a study of the human impacts on the creek system. Students completed turbidity studies, examined mangrove health and growth and completed a series of soil tests. Year 8 students completed a coastal management study examining natural, cultural and man-made features of a coastal area. Students also studied the limestone cliffs and examined how different landforms are created by rain, waves and air. The students had a great time on their excursion and some wonderful discussions about human impacts on the local area have really opened some student's eyes to the fragility of our environment.



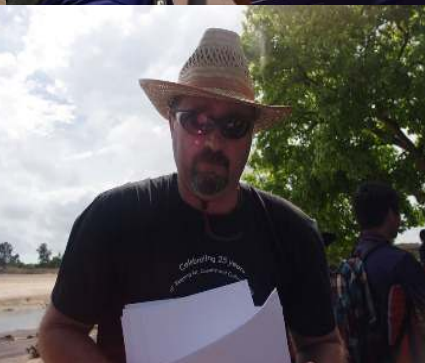
Year 7



**Superhero Mrs
Wallis up a tree!
Saving a student!**



Year 8





Brodie McCutcheon
Sports Coordinator

From the Sports Department

MacKillop Catholic College Swimming Carnival 2013

Age Groups	Age Champion
12 Year Old Boys	Kevin Mayo-Austral
12 Year Old Girls	Alex Delosa
13 Year Old Boys	Dylan Collins
13 Year Old Girls	Grace Mayfield
14 Year Old Boys	Liam Mulvahil
14 Year Old Girls	Teegan Wattam
15 Year Old Boys	Jeffrey Woodroffe
15 Year Old Girls	Danielle Galea & Sharlene Nicolle
16 Year Old Boys	Aiden Cross
16 Year Old Girls	Alannah Hogan



Go Zac Gordon!



Congratulations to the House Champions!

1st place–Red House 736 points

2nd place–Green house 709 points

3rd place–Gold house 657 points

4th place–Blue house 655 points





David Graham
Rugby League Coordinator



Rugby League Wrap Up

Catholic College Cup Results

16th September 2013

St Johns def. MacKillop : 24.8 Man of the Match: Bill Orr

St Johns def. O'Loughlin : 16.14 Man of the Match:

Mitchell Simpson

O'Loughlin def. MacKillop : 18.16 :

Man of the Match: **Keanu Lee Feeney**

Final

St Johns def. O'Loughlin : 28.20:

Man of the Match/Tournament: Jacky Brown

2013 Cup Winners: St Johns Catholic College
2013 Plate Winners: O'Loughlin Catholic College



College Calendar of Coming Events

7th October	STUDENT FREE DAY
Tuesday 8th October	1ST DAY OF TERM 4 FOR STUDENTS
15th October	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tuesday 19th November	Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day
Thursday 21st November	PRESENTATION NIGHT 6.30;PM
Friday 6th December 2013	Date Claimer - FAMILY CHRISTMAS FAIR - Volunteers needed to join the Planning Committee

College Notice Board

College Fees Reminder

Fee reminder statements were sent out earlier this term. Thank you to those who have paid. Prompt payment would be appreciated. Should you wish to discuss your statements further please contact Michelle Chambers, Business Manager on 89305705 or email on michelle.chambers@nt.catholic.edu.au



Mackillop Catholic College Music

Fun, Confidence, Excellence

We aim for students:

To strive to achieve their best potential
To enhance their self-determination, motivation and confidence
To learn through encouragement, praise and respect
To be personally challenged by an exciting curriculum.



Let's Celebrate our Student's Achievements!



Action shot of Rebekah Lloyd at the recent Australian Quad Bike Championships!

Congratulations to Tenesha Johnson & Ella Mahomet who won their class in the NT Calisthenics Association Championships! Don't they look great!



*Thankyou, thankyou
thankyou thankyou to all
Parents & Friends for
Working Bees , Library
Help, Canteen
Volunteering, Excursion
Help, Donations of time
and resources, kindness
and support. We look
forward to continuing
support in Term 4!*

Jake Deigan has just completed his assessments for a black belt in karate!! And is awaiting his results! All the best for him!

Congratulations to Miya Fleming who has qualified in the Equestrian Showhorse National Championships to be held in Victoria! I hear the pony she will ride is awesome!

Also to Acaila Tucker who has been promoted to the Saturday morning classes at her Riding School!



Please let the front office know any other student achievements we can celebrate!