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Year 7 to Year 11, in 2014.

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Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Community,



MacKillop has certainly taken centre stage this year. Together we have achieved so much and travelled so far. The whole year has been a whirlwind of wonderful activity. This term alone we have enjoyed tremendous success through the Presentation Night, the Christmas Fair, Young Musician of the Year, and the End of Year Concert, to name a few.

We say good-bye to a wonderful staff member this week. Mrs Nareena Tate our much loved Tuckshop Convenor. Nareena and her family is moving interstate with her family. We wish them well in the future and thank them for their contribution to our College.

On behalf of the whole staff at MacKillop Catholic College, I thank the Parents and Friends and Staff for their support throughout the year. We look forward to another successful year in 2014 where parents, teachers, community members and students work collaboratively to build a better world. The generosity, willingness, openness to connection and networking, and sheer kindness of the people of this school continues to remind me of how blessed I am to work alongside people such as yourselves.

MacKillop Catholic College wishes all families a safe, happy and holy Christmas filled with peace and rest.

As we journey towards Christmas I take this opportunity to thank each family for all that you do and wish you a happy and holy Christmas season with family and friends. I hope that you are able to find moments of quiet, and return refreshed and renewed to all new beginnings in 2014.

Merry Christmas,

May God Bless you all and keep you safe.

**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



The true meaning of the Candy Cane

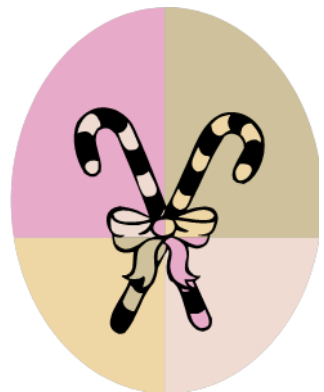


Look at the Candy Cane
What do you see?
Stripes that are red
Like the blood shed for me
White is for my Saviour
Who's sinless and pure!
"J" is for Jesus My Lord, that's for sure!
Turn it around and a staff you will see
Jesus my shepherd was born for me!

Many years ago, a candy maker wanted to make a candy at Christmas time that would serve as a witness to his Christian faith. He wanted to incorporate several symbols for the birth, ministry and death of Jesus. He began with a stick of pure white hard candy; white to symbolise the Virgin birth and the sinless nature of Jesus; hard to symbolise the solid rock, the foundation of the Church; firmness to represent the promise of God.

The candy maker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Saviour. He thought it could also represent the staff of the Good Shepherd, with which he reached down into the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lambs, who, like all sheep, have gone astray.

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candy maker stained it with red stripes. He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received, by which we are healed. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life. Unfortunately, the candy became known as a candy cane – meaningless decoration seen at Christmas time. But the true meaning is still there for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.



Thursday 30th January 2014
1st day Term 1 for ALL students!



**THE HON BILL SHORTEN MP
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION
MEMBER FOR MARIBYRNONG**

**THE HON TANYA PLIBERSEK MP
DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION
SHADOW MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNA-
TIONAL DEVELOPMENT
MEMBER FOR SYDNEY**

STATEMENT

NELSON MANDELA

On behalf of the Federal Opposition, we pay tribute to Nelson Mandela, unarguably one of the greatest global figures of our time.

Today we have lost a light of our world.

In fractious and troubled times, Mandela led his nation out of the dark age of apartheid – not with a violent struggle, but with peace, compassion and a force of moral leadership.

Mandela knew his country could never be healed with violence or vengeance. He suffered so his people could be free.

Mandela was a true leader, a statesman, and the defining symbol of reconciliation.

He achieved perhaps more than any other leader in his pursuit of peace, acceptance and justice.

The slow struggle for reconciliation does not end today – not for South Africa, and not for any of us.

Let today renew our resolve for reconciliation. Mandela was an example to the world – we must live by that example.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, his country, and all who looked to him in hope for a better world.

We are better because of Mandela. May he rest in peace.

FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2013

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Presentation Night

Sporting Awards:

Forsyth Family NT Sporting Heroes Awards: Denzel Tulloch; Mikayla Condon; Miya Fleming; Liam Walsh; Alannah Wynd; Brooke Steel; Erin Lidbetter; Tiani Rustam; Niamh Monaghan-Spooner; Robert Bull; Siobhan Tonks; Grace Mayfield; Teegan Wattam; Zoe Carrier; Zoe Heffernan; Dale White; Kaleb Pene; Tai Terupo; Ryan Thomas

Metro Minibus Sportswoman of the Year: Erin Lidbetter

We Sell Fun Sportsman of the Year: Denzel Tulloch

KPMG Champion House Cup: [Blue House](#)



Cultural Awards 2013

Woodroffe Family Most Outstanding Musician Trophy: Katelyn Ligteringen

SBA Most Improved Musician: Sarah Grant

MEC Services Burk Air Most Committed and Dedicated Musician: Tanisha Kamarudin

Cleanaway Visual Arts Trophy: Zoe Heffernan

Shamrock Chemicals Performing Arts Trophy: Courtney Austerberry

AdamAnt Modern Languages Trophy: Japanese: Jasper Pfau

EasyGlass Modern Languages: Indonesian: Kenneesha Ryan

Elders Palmerston Champion Reader Trophy: Chelsea Probyn

Area 9 Information Technology Trophy: Nicholas Harding

Colley Family Design & Technology Trophy: Wayne Welland

Academic Awards 2013

The Hon. Peter Chandler MLA Academic Certificates for Year 7

Excellence & Merit: Zara Pattiselanno; Jordana Jack; Rylie Berg; Lachlan Miller; Sophie Port; Courtney Austerberry; Chelsea Probyn; Arragon Prosser; Emma Forsyth; Tasha Lorenz; Layla Scaife; La-Toniya Norris; Tasha Lorenz; Tasha Lorenz; Kayla Martin; Jordan Sisto; Carlos Jacinto; Alysha Healy; Renee Hardy; Sophie Port; Lachlan Miller; Zane Smith; Daniel Dennis; Ella Ludbrook; Kayla Martin; Chloe Johnston; Sarah Husband; Zachary Gordon; Jack Loynes; Alisha Fernandez; Ben MacDonald; Georgia Hulm; Denzel Tulloch; Jacob Perry; Michael Sack; Harmony Plues;

The Hon. Peter Chandler MLA Year 7 Overall Award for Diligence:

Jordana Jack

The Hon. Peter Chandler MLA Year 7 Overall Academic Achiever

Award: Emma Forsyth



The Heffernan Family Academic Certificates for Year 8 Excellence &

Merit: Catherine Keys; Liam Mulvahil; Jarrod Hosland; Sandy Tran; Jasper Pfau; Zoe Heffernan; Shane Venes; Erin Lidbetter; Kayla Maring; Alysha Pope; Tanisha Kamarudin; Liam Maxwell; Jet Lorenz; Grace Mayfield; Alannah Wynd; Arleye Jongebloed; Joesph Chin; Clarissa Kennedy-Scott; Johnny Nguyen; Felix Robinson; Tommy Vu; Sarah Grant; Ella Mahomet;

The Heffernan Family Year 8 Overall Award for Diligence: Jarrod Hovland; Sandy Tran

The Heffernan Family Year 8 Overall Academic Achiever Award: Liam Mulvahil

The AtoZ Business Machines Academic Certificates for Year 9 Excellence & Merit: Jake Deigan; Hannah Llewellyn; Dustin Carter; Angus Bryan; Prynzes Dalistan; Kaleb Pene; Danielle Galea; Keanu Lee-Feeney; Georgia Falconer; Tamarah Hayward; Shane McKenzie; Zac Richards; Jeremy Baden; Zoey Pattiselanno; Mikayla Pene; Matthew Murphy; Dale White; Acaila Tucker

The AtoZ Business Machines Year 9 Overall Award for Diligence: *Jake Deigan*

The AtoZ Business Machines Year 9 Overall Academic Achiever Award: *Hannah Llewellyn; Danielle Galea*

The CBS Civil Contracting (Loyd Family) Academic Certificates for Year 10 Excellence & Merit: Shania McCurdy; Shane Buttfield; Joel Sobieralski; Aidan Cross; Ryan Thomas; Wayne Welland; Emma Lloyd

The CBS Civil Contracting Year 10 Overall Award for Diligence: *Joel Sobieralski*

The CBS Civil Contracting Year 10 Overall Academic Achiever Award: *Shane Buttfield*

Special Awards 2013:

The MacKillop Catholic College Board Christian Leadership Award: Catherine Keys

The Lia Finocchiaro MLA Community Spirit Award: Liam Mulvahil

Diamantina Plumbing Service to the College & Wider Community Award: Dustin Carter

The Port Family Servant Leadership Award: Shane Buttfield

The Parents & Friends Association MacKillop Catholic College Community Participation & Commitment Award: Debbie Stringer

College Captains - Awards presented by: Fr Tom English

College Captains – Middle Years: Dustin Carter; Mikayla Pene; Angus Bryan

College Captains – Senior Years: Shane Buttfield; Aidan Cross

House Leaders – Awards presented by: Mr Michael Avery, Director, Catholic Education NT

Red: Sharlene Nicolle; Kaleb Pene

Gold: Danielle Galia; Ben MacDonald

Green: Grace Mayfield; Liam Mulvahil



A sincere and heartfelt thank you to all our sponsors. You made the night so special for our College Community with your support!



More photos







David Graham
Music Coordinator

From the Music Department

Last week MacKillop Catholic College music ensembles visited one of our associated primary schools; St Francis of Assisi. Our students put on a wonderful performance which included the Concert Band, String Ensemble as well as solos by Catherine Keys, Sarah Grant and Katelyn Ligteringen. All the students were wonderful ambassadors for the college and a real credit for our young Music Department.



Erin McCann
Music Classroom
Curriculum



Ms McCann & the MacKillop String Ensemble entertain & educate students at St Francis of Assisi Primary.

UZ Mob Big Day Out!



Mrs Selena Stewart, IEW MacKillop Catholic College hosted the annual UZ MOB Big Day Out event in 2014. Students from Katherine and the Darwin Region all enjoyed a fun day's activities at Marrara Stadium. Well done to Mrs Selena Stewart, MacKillop IEW for her part in organizing this day.





**Sports
Coordinator
Miss McCutcheon**

PE Department News

A **big** congratulations to the year 7's and 8's who played some great footy at the ANF NT Multicultural Cup, TIO stadium on Tuesday. We took 3 mixed teams to compete against Darwin Middle School and Daly River. All teams were of varying abilities and supported each other to play the best of their ability and also demonstrating fantastic sportsmanship.



**Tim Francis
AFL Coordinator**



Some of the stand out players were Shane Venes good in the mid field and had a tough job tagging one of Daly Rivers best players, Rob Bull worked solidly across the center and up forward, Ike Obrien who kicked a whopping 14 goals at full forward, Lily Knight winning the contested footy

and moving around the field with lightning speed, La Tonia Norris with her polished skills and composure when in control of the footy, Liam Dark attaching the football with courage, Bailey Kotz leading by example as captain making good use of every possession, Liam Walsh relentlessly running and attaching all day long in the center and forward line.

Big thanks to our captains, Ike O'Brien, Bailey Kotz & Dylan Collins who organized their teams and proudly representing our college. Also to Brodie McCutcheon and Selena Stewart for their support in organizing and running the day. Looking forward to the next match. **Go MacKillop!**



Department of Youth Sport and Recreation Sport Vouchers 2014

\$75 Sport Voucher – Schools expect to receive the sport vouchers by mid-January 2014 from the Department of Sport and Recreation. The sport vouchers should be ready for collection from school the week before school commences. For any information about the program please visit the website www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au or phone 1800 045 678.

Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day

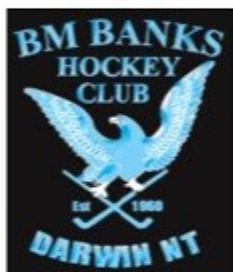
On the 19th November 2013, MacKillop Catholic College hosted approximately 60 students here for their Orientation Day! Our current Year 7's had been eagerly anticipating their arrival and were waiting at the front of the College for them!

A fun day had been arranged for them, designed to give them an idea of what life is going to be like at middle school - thank you to Mr Tim Francis, Year 7 Level Coordinator and all the staff involved to make the day a success.



Community Noticeboard

FUN! FUN! FUN!
BOYS & GIRLS
Come and have a try at Hockey with



Players of all ages welcome: U/8 s - U/16 s

Free hockey stick, stick bag, ball and shin pads to all new juniors

Season starts April 2014

Please contact Casandra Wetherspoon on 0423 620 131 or email banks_hockey_club@hotmail.com for more information.

Congratulations!

To Shane Buttfeld who will be in Year 11 in 2014 - he has been accepted into the Curtin University (Perth) Engineering Summer School program from 12th-18th January 2014! Well done Shane!

And

Well done to Miya Fleming! Heard she came 6th overall in her National Equestrian Competition recently!

MacKillop Catholic College Christmas Fair!



Our Christmas Fair was a great success! A HUGE THANKYOU to everyone who assisted on the day and to our MC, Mr Charlie King who did a magnificent job enticing the highest bids he could get! Thank you to the Arafura Wind Ensemble for their top quality entertainment. Thank you to our hard working and dedicated Parents and Friends' Committee.



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