

## Newsletter - Term 4, Week 4 October 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**

### Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Community,

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, is a member of the *National Centre against Bullying* foundation and is a well known child and adolescent psychologist, author and commentator. He has presented excellent information in many forums around the country and recently I read through information he has presented to Catholic Schools in Western Australia. He gave this advice to parents with teenagers on bullying. As a parent, grandparent, and a Principal, I consider this good advice. He outlines that Bullying is not:

- Mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance);
- Not liking someone or a single act of social rejection;
- One-off acts of meanness or spite; and,
- Isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

He does ask parents to consider that:

- If your child is bullied – consider what are you as parents can do to help your child?
- You must build resilience in your children; and,
- You must never outsource parenting; you are the best person to parent your child.

Sometimes parenting is tough work and teenagers don't always like the decisions we make on their behalf, but being a parent, rather than a friend, is essential. Michael Carr-Gregg also says: "If you can't change the situation, change the way you think about it." He maintains that our inability to change many of the situations we find ourselves in gets us down, upset or frustrated. In reality, we frequently cannot do anything about changing the situation, but what we can do is change our thinking. This is certainly good advice and it helps build resilience in us all.

As in all families and communities there is disappointment and conflict and at times we will get things wrong. If we strive to always work through situations using positive relationships, honesty and humility, we will flourish as a community and empower the young people in our care to live our faith.

**Blessings always,  
Lauretta Graham - Principal**

**You are cordially invited to the:**

**MacKillop Catholic College  
Presentation Night  
Thursday 21st November  
2013**



**in the College Library from 6.30pm  
Please join us in celebrating our 2013 Academic Year!**

**"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"**



**Laurretta Graham**  
Principal

## From the Principal's Desk

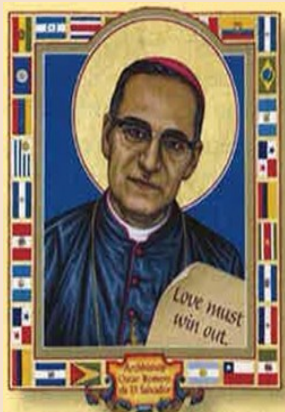
It is my absolute pleasure to announce that Chris Trevillion will be our Deputy Principal - Academic Studies from January, 2014. When you see Chris around the College –please take this opportunity to congratulate him. Chris was selected from a competitive field of applicants. We look forward to seeing Mr Trevillion take up this Senior Leadership position in our College. Mr Trevillion has already demonstrated his commitment to the College, Parish, Students and Families. Well done Mr Trevillion!



Last Friday we celebrated World Teachers' Day at MacKillop. Teachers enjoyed morning tea provided by the College Board and the Member for Brennan, Mr Peter Chandler MLA. Thank you everyone for your well wishes.

### A prayer for teachers:

**May the compassion of God embrace your hearts, the imagination of God transform your minds, the unity of God make us one, and may you be blessed by the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ and the Communion of the Holy Spirit today and always...Amen**  
**HAPPY TEACHERS DAY!**



**Oscar Romero**

**Proposal to MacKillop Catholic College Community:** that one of our Houses be called:

**"ROMERO"**

Please send your feedback to Laurretta Graham by 20th Nov

### A FUTURE NOT OUR OWN

*It helps now and then to step back & take a long view.*

*The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision.*

*We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.*

*No statement says all that could be said.*

*No prayer fully expresses our faith.*

*No confession brings perfection.*

*No pastoral visit brings wholeness.*

*No program accomplishes the Church's mission.*

*No set of goals and objectives includes everything.*

*This is what we are **about**.*

*We plant the seeds that one day will grow.*

*We water the seeds already planted*

*knowing that they hold future promise.*

*We lay foundations that will need further development.*

*We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing this. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.*

*It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a stop along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.*

*We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs.*

*We are prophets of a **future not our own**.*

## Family Christmas Fair

**Friday 6th December 2013 6.00pm-9.00pm**

**You are all invited to come along!**

**Lots of Stalls,  
Activities, Food!**





# Come 'n' Bake it! Shake it! & Make it!

## MacKillop Day!



The Principal, staff and students warmly invite Year 6 students enrolled in MacKillop for 2014 to spend a day at MacKillop College.

MacKillop College is situated in Johnston, Palmerston. We are, in 2014, a Year 7-11 Catholic Coeducation College educating in the footsteps of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

It is our hope that you will consider choosing MacKillop Catholic College for your secondary education in 2014 and spread the word to others.

### About your day!

On the morning of **Come 'n' Bake it! Shake it! & Make it! MacKillop Day** you will be greeted by members of the College's Senior Leadership Team and student leaders at the College from 8.30am.

It is suggested that you wear your normal school sport uniform and that you bring a drink bottle. We will provide you with recess and lunch.

We will begin your day at 9.00am where you will be given an opportunity to try all sorts of activities and lessons including: Science, Design Technology, Dance, Food, Textiles, Physical Education, Art and Music.

At the conclusion of the day we will gather in the school courtyard. Your parents can pick you up from here from 2.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you at **Come 'n' Bake it! Shake it! & Make it! MacKillop Day!**



Marie Butt  
APRE

## From the Religious Education Department



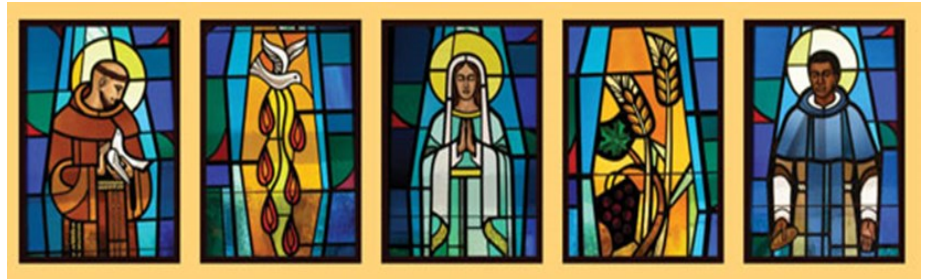
### THANK YOU!

Thank you to all students, staff and parents who supported the work of Catholic Missions during our recent Mission Week. The College raised in excess of \$900.



### ALL SAINTS DAY

Mass was celebrated in the College Library last **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10.45am** for ALL SAINTS' DAY which was a Holy Day of Obligation.



#### New development from Archbishop Mark Coleridge. An anthem honouring St Mary of the Cross MacKillop:

*Daughter of Australia  
Daughter of Australia, saint for every  
land, Mary, we are listening, keen to  
understand How God works among  
us now as in the past.  
Speak with us and teach us wisdom  
that will last.*

*Mary what did you see?  
I saw human need: in the far-flung  
places God called me to lead  
Children to the Father, lost ones to  
the Son, driven by the Spirit till the  
work was done.*

*Mary, what did you do ?  
I began to teach with my chosen  
Sisters, far as we could reach, all  
across Australia and beyond the sea,  
travelling as pilgrims, always  
trustingly.*

*Mary, what was your faith?  
My trust was in God who was always  
faithful as new paths we trod. In the  
Cross of Jesus I found love's own  
light, casting out all darkness, giving  
me new sight.*

*Mary, what was your joy?  
I saw God's will done, watching with  
Saint Joseph over God's own Son,  
from whose heart once wounded flow*

*the living streams, watering the dry  
land with love that redeems.*

*Daughter of Australia, saint for every  
land, Mary, we have listened and we  
understand how God works among  
us now as in the past. Thanks to you  
for teaching wisdom that will last.*

Text: Mark Coleridge; Tune: Brisbane  
(Irish Traditional, arranged by Dr Percy  
Jones)

#### Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Emery Avenue Woodroffe:

All Saints' Day 1 November – Mass times: 6.45 am and 6.00 pm  
All Souls' Day 2 November – Mass time: 8.30 am  
Christmas Eve 24 December - Children's Mass – Mass time: 7.00 pm  
Christmas Eve 24 December – Vigil Mass – Mass time: 12.00 midnight  
Christmas Day 25 December – Mass times: 8.30 am and 6.00 pm



**Brodie McCutcheon**  
Sports Coordinator

## From the PE Department



### Girls U/16 Rugby Tag Day

On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> October a team of girls from years 7-10 competed in the Girls U/16 Rugby Tag Day. The day was run by the NRL and was a great opportunity for our students to compete against other schools in the Darwin area.

Unfortunately on the day 2 schools withdrew from the competition. We played 3 games and made it into the grand final against Kormilda College which was a draw at the final siren. There was a 5 minute overtime which resulted in MacKillop winning by a tri scored by Sandy Tran in the

remaining minute of the game. The girls showed great team work and worked hard to win the trophy for our College. Best players of the day were La-Toniya Norris, Brooke Steele and Tasha Lorenz. La-Toniya was awarded 'Player of the Day' for her outstanding efforts by Darren Manaway who organised the event and was awarded with a rugby ball, bag and signed hat by the Gold Coast Titans.



## From the ICT Department



**Vanaja Arakkal**  
ICT Manager & Acting  
Assistant Principal  
Administration

### Dear Parents and Guardians

Please read this important information. At the end of the year the IT Dept collects all the laptops to get them ready for next year. We reimage the laptops ready for a fresh start. So please remind your son/daughter to bring his/her laptop + charger by the 4<sup>th</sup> December. They can take the laptop bag back home. If your son/daughter is leaving earlier than 4<sup>th</sup> December, please return them before they leave for school holidays. Thank you for your support during 2013 and MacKillop Catholic College is so grateful to the parents, families and community for their support.

A special thank you for supporting the laptop program during the 2013 Academic Year.

### Notes from my Department:

- Mostly students are bringing the laptops everyday and they are charging them regularly
- Some students are making the wrong choices either by not bringing the laptop/ or not charging the laptop. This is a real concern as many teachers use laptops to run their classes.
- We would really appreciate it if Parents/Guardians can encourage their son/and or daughter to be responsible and manage their laptop for College use
- If the students fail to manage their laptops after repeated reminders, the ICT Manger will contact the parents/guardians and with their permission the College takes the decision to leave the laptop at the College office everyday and collect the device every morning from the office.

**Looking forward to your support. Together we are working towards developing responsibility in our young people.**



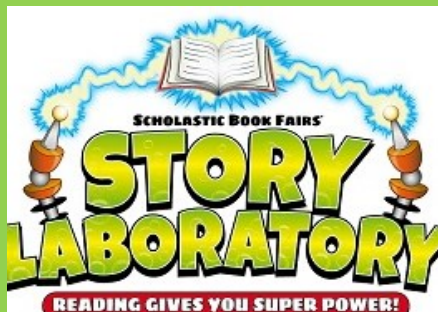


Mrs Raelene Whiting  
Library Technician



## Library News

PLEASE SUPPORT THE



## MacKillop Catholic College Book Fair

From Monday 4th November to Thursday  
7th November

All Welcome to come along and look at the Book Display  
& BUY A BOOK OR TWO!

## College Calendar of Coming Events

4th-7th November	Scholastic Book Fair
11th November	P&F Meeting
Tuesday 19th November	Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day/ <b>Come 'n' Bake it! Shake it! &amp; Make it!</b> MacKillop Day Orientation Parent Information Night: 6.30pm-8.00pm
Thursday 21st November	PRESENTATION NIGHT 6.30pm
27th November	Young Musician of the Year
28th November	End of Year Music Concert & Creative Arts Display
<b>Friday 6th December</b>	<b>Date Claimer - FAMILY CHRISTMAS FAIR</b> - Volunteers needed to join the Planning Committee - contact Lauretta Graham  <b>LAST DAY OF TERM 4!</b>
17th December	Student reports mailed to families

## 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 from those with outstanding invoices. Should you wish to discuss your statements further please contact Michelle Chambers, Business Manager, Michelle Chambers on 89305705 or email on [michelle.chambers@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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;



Contact David Graham, Instrumental Music Co-ordinator on 89305757 or email [david.graham@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:david.graham@nt.catholic.edu.au) for further information.



## P&F Corner

**We are looking for**  
***Donations***

**For our Christmas  
Hamper**

**It will be drawn at the Christmas  
Fair on 6th  
December**

**At MacKillop  
College**

**Drop your  
goodies at  
the front  
office!**



**Denzel Tulloch** flying high for the Northern Territory at the recent National Basketball Championships! Well done Denzel!

