

Newsletter - Term 4, Week 6 November 2013,

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

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Enrol Now

Year 7 to Year 11, in 2014.

Please contact the College Office for more information.

Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Community,

This week we were privileged to commemorate Remembrance Day together as a College Community.

ONE SENTENCE AT A TIME

...by Melannie Svoboda, SVD

Sometimes people ask me, 'How do you write all those books?' I reply, 'One sentence at a time.' I'm not being facetious. I'm just being accurate. That's how anyone writes a book. Similarly, that's how anyone writes a symphony: one note at a time; how anyone builds a building; one brick at a time; and how anyone runs a marathon: one step at a time.



This prayerful service gave us the opportunity to honour our war dead by the solemn ritual of a minute's silence. Only silence can hold together honour for the dead and the conviction that we must work for peace in their name. It was important for us to remember the sacrifice and that peace is important.

At the time of the year, it is easy to understand that life is as much about the daily grind as it is the long term vision. The same can be said about Peace.

While every generation has endured its share of horrors and catastrophes, it is in the "little" wars and skirmishes in every individual life that we learn about ourselves and who we are; it is in the small miracles that bless every life that we find God. The note from Melannie Svoboda SVD sums this up beautifully.

Jesus calls us to embrace his spirit of reconciliation that compels us to take the first step in forgiving and being forgiven; his spirit of humanity that finds joy in doing good for others; his spirit of compassion that places the love of God before all else.

It is the same with achieving peace: each word; each action; every relationship; and every way we treat each other.

Loving Father, our hearts are so mysterious because they are made in your image. Send us your Spirit to appreciate the place of routine in our relationship with you and with each other. May Jesus our brother lead us into the ways of love. We ask this confident that you will hear us.

With every blessing on your families

**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

MacKillop Catholic College Presentation Night

Thursday 21st November, 2013

Venue: College Library

Time: 6.30pm



Please join us in celebrating our 2013 Academic Year!

Our Presentation Night is a compulsory event for all students involved. Students are to be in full formal College Uniform and are expected to be seated by 6.20pm.

The Parents & Friends Association are providing light refreshments after the official proceedings have finished.

MacKillop Catholic College Year 6 into 7

Parent/Guardian Information Evening

Tuesday 19th November 2013

6.30pm to 8.00pm

Please rsvp to Kate Middleton. If you cannot attend and we will forward information on. Phone: 89305702 email kate.middleton@nt.catholic.edu.au

Light Refreshments provided

Family Christmas Fair



Friday 6th December 2013
6.00pm-9.00pm

*You are all invited to
come along for all the
fun of the Fair!!*

Lots of Stalls,
Activities, Food!



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

MacKillop Day! Tuesday 19th November 2013

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

Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Emery Avenue Woodroffe:

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



**Pauline Watson
Head of English
&
Humanities**

From the Humanities Department

Run Your Own Business Experience

The year 9 SSE class has been spending their time getting a taste of Business Studies. As part of the drive for students to be involved in a real world experience the students have been working at the phases of business creation including brainstorming, business partnership, competition, client surveys, product costing, seeking backers, financial planning, running the business and learning from your experiences. Students have also developed teamwork, organisation and time management skills as a part of running their own business. The students have greatly enjoyed this experience and have created some viable businesses with drinks 'r' us soft drink sellers, ice cream mix ins, J & J's chocolates, amazing cupcakes, frappes and fairy floss. Despite the teeth rotting sweets, the students have really considered their market and have catered to the needs of their clientele.



Here are some of
the Business
Entrepreneurs at
work!



Year 10 Geography Excursion

Darwin Waterfront Precinct

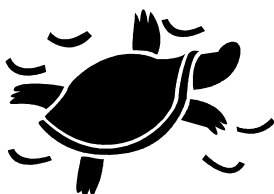


Year 10 students attended a full day geography excursion to the Darwin Waterfront Precinct. The student's completed a study on how the impact of humans causes an area to change over time. This included a study of the human impacts on the local environment as well as the historical, cultural and social importance of the area. Students completed turbidity studies, examined environmental health and completed a series of observations of the demographics of the area. The students had a wonderful time on their excursion and some great discussions about the need to balance cultural, social, economic and environmental factors led to some really meaningful reflections.





**Sports
Coordinator
Miss McCutcheon**



From the PE Department

MACKILLOP WINS THE PARCS SWIMMING CARNIVAL!

Congratulations to our winning team!

**And a big thank you to coach Mr John Katal and Sports
Coordinator Miss McCutcheon**



College Calendar of Coming Events

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| Tuesday 19th November | Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day/Come 'n' Bake it! Shake it! & Make it! 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 |
| Friday 6th December | FAMILY CHRISTMAS FAIR - Volunteers needed to join the Planning Committee - contact Lauretta Graham LAST DAY OF TERM 4! |
| 17th December | Student reports mailed to families |

Mackillop Catholic College 2013 Young Musician of the Year



Wednesday 27th November 2013

Applications for Young Musician of the Year 2013 have officially closed. This year's competition will be held on Wednesday 27th of December in the MacKillop Catholic College library and will run for most of the day. Students will perform in various age and instrument sections as well as compete for the overall final title of Young Musician of the Year.

The performances will be judged by accomplished by **Capt. Darren Cole, Commanding officer and Music Director of the Australian Army Band Darwin**, who will give constructive criticism to students. The aim of the Young musician of the year program is to further music education in and around our college, promoting not only music, yet performance excellence. Winners will be judged and places will be given for each year level. The overall most successful student will have their name placed on a perpetual trophy as the year's highest achieving music student.



Please come support our wonderful students. Gold coin donation for entry

MacKillop Catholic College 2013 End of Year Music Night! Thursday 28th November 2013 in the College Library

*Please be seated by 5.50pm for a
6.00pm start*



All welcome!



*Come along and see our Music students
showcase their musical talents!*

End of Year Musical Dates:

- 18th November – Music Students are to have a preparatory day for both Presentation Night and Young Musician of the Year performances.
- 21st November – Music students will be performing at Presentation Night.
- 22nd November – Music students will be performing at SHP & SFA Primary schools to promote music within both schools.
- 27th November – Music Students will be required for Young Musician of the Year.
- 28th November – Music Student will be required for the End of Year Music Night 6pm.



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