



MACKILLOP NEWS

TERM 2 WEEK 4 15TH MAY 2019

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*"Never see a need without trying
to do something about it"*
St. Mary MacKillop



Laurretta Graham
Principal

Dear MacKillop Catholic College Community,

As you are aware over the past fortnight we have had our beautiful school graffitied, and then, in the early hours of last Monday morning, the same young person (unknown to our school) set a garden bed on fire and attempted to burn a bank of student lockers. This did create some anxiety and disappointment for students, staff and families.

As with all matters of student safety we have taken this very seriously and we acted accordingly, utilising the school and police resources.

Any event such as this becomes school wide knowledge within minutes via social media. As you can appreciate we cannot make any public statements until facts are established and the necessary work with the authorities is completed.

I was extremely proud of how our students did not enter into idle gossip or speculation about the events of Monday morning and entered their classes and got on with their day allowing the police to get on with their work.

Police investigations continued throughout Monday with little to share until today.

On Monday night, a young man turned himself into police and later was taken into custody for allegedly graffitied the school and on a separate occasion igniting grass to the front of the school and attempting to burn a bank of lockers. At this point, he admitted to everything and he is helping police with their inquiries.

On both occasions the NT Police came immediately to our support carrying out a full investigation and with our ICT staff recovering CCTV footage. With the support of the NT News an identification was made.

Overall, there were no injuries, and no significant damage done to our facilities.

We were incredibly impressed with the NT Police and NT News working to support our school during this challenging time.

As always, the safety of our students is our foremost concern. We have many procedures and policies in place to maintain a safe environment for all students.

I will debrief with students tomorrow during our assembly, outlining that support is available from staff, Catholic Care Counsellors and our Well Being Staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions.

Blessings always,

Laurretta Graham
Principal

FINANCE NEWS



Amos Wachira
Business Manager

All families should have received their statements for school fees which were sent on 10th May 2019. Please note fees are charged throughout the year and your balance will change from time to time with the addition of camps, electives and excursions. For any family that has not received their statement, please contact the Finance team and we will re-send this.

School fees are now **overdue** unless a payment arrangement with the college has been agreed. Please ensure if you have not yet completed a fee agreement to contact the finance team and/or see attached forms. Please return the duly completed form to the Finance team so we have a record of your scheduled and intended payment of fees. If the arrangement form is not received and the payment arrangements are not honoured Semester 1 reports will be withheld. To avoid this happening, please ensure the agreement form has been sent to Finance and all payments, as agreed, are made on time. **Please find these forms attached at the end of this newsletter.**

Payments of school fees can be made via BPay, Credit Card or cash payment at our front office reception. These payment options are provided for on your statement. You can also make a direct bank transfer to the below College bank account;

MacKillop Catholic College
National Australia Bank
BSB: 085933
Account: 396042505

Please include your family reference when making payment so we can allocate all monies to correct account. For all queries pertaining to school fees, please call 8930 5716 or email finance.mackillop@nt.catholic.edu.au

Amos Wachira
Business Manager

LANGUAGES NEWS



Candice Slingerland
Languages Coordinator

Students in Year 8, 9 and 10 classes of Indonesian had the privilege of attending the Arafura Games to watch the fascinating Sepak Takraw in real life. If you have not witnessed this South Eastern Asian sport in real life, it is a very interesting watch (think volleyball, but you are not allowed to use your hands). Our students cheered on the Australian and Indonesian teams who completed while we were there. The Australian team then went on to run an exciting workshop with our students. This was a fun day for all who attended:

"Sepak Takraw is something that I have never experienced and I'm never going to forget it! It is the hardest sport that I ever have done. I've never been to a tournament until this one. I really liked the back flips and front flips that the athletes did! Amazing and Incredible" – Year 9 Student

Salam Hangat,

Candice Slingerland
Languages Coordinator



CHESS NEWS

MacKillop are doing very well indeed in the eight-week chess competition we are participating in at Coolalinga Shopping Centre. Now in the third week of the tournament, we are up in the top three, and one of our players, Mackinlay Maslin, is coming third. Not bad considering we have never played a tournament before.

A few of our players have learnt how to shock their opponent. Our youngest man, Jasper Murphy, managed to defeat one of his opponents in the first round with a four move mate. It was all over red rover in three minutes. Grace Rooney managed a six move checkmate in round three - well done!

Our team is:

Mackinlay Maslin
Jasper Murphy

Massimo Gazzola
Kye Johnstone

Grace Rooney
Andrew Matthew David

Kasey Stevens

Five rounds to go!

Dr Tom Lewis & Grace Skehan

Chess Coaches



BUGLE PRESENTATION

A Darwin lady who has experience both of Darwin's biggest tragedies - World War II, and Cyclone Tracy - spoke at our assembly today.

Mrs Wendy James OAM, who was evacuated from the then-town in 1941 by ship, returned to the Northern Territory just after the war, with her family, to find the northern capital largely in ruins. The Top End of Australia was battered by 208 enemy air attacks in the war, with 77 raids against the Northern Territory. Nearly 2000 Allied personnel, including civilians, were killed.

Mrs James spoke of her evacuation from the Territory. She was sent south again as an adult following Tracy, but once again returned. At 83, she is still married to Earl James, a distinguished figure himself in surveying the Outback. Together they have four sons and eight grandchildren. Mrs James presented the school with a family souvenir, a bugle, which - with some trepidation for us all given its age - was played, for the first time in Wendy's hearing, by Year 7 student musician Massimo Gazzola. The bugle produced a beautiful warm tone, testimony to Massimo's skill and the quality of the instrument.

Wendy has led a distinguished life in the Northern Territory community. She was the first Convenor of the NT Government's Women's Advisory Committee; is a life member of the Penguin Club of Australia; and was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for her "service to the community through the promotion of women's issues in the Northern Territory". It was a privilege and an honour to have her visit the school and address us.



SAINTS NEWS

STRONGER COMMUNITIES GRANT DELIVERS MUCH NEEDED UPGRADES

The MacKillop Saints community would like to thank our Federal Member for Solomon, Mr. Luke Gosling OAM, for his generosity and leadership in securing funding for proper elevated grandstand seating for spectators at local Rugby fixtures.

Thanks to the Stronger Communities Programme, a scheme which provides all 150 federal electorates with \$150,000 to fund small capital projects and improve local community participation and infrastructure, MacKillop Catholic College now plays host to 4 large grandstands, which provide users a place to adequately view and enjoy footballing activities.

With construction of the aluminium grandstand seating at the Rugby field now complete, the stands have proved to greatly assist the club's ability to bring exciting events and opportunities to the Palmerston area, as well as expand our operations to provide further evidence for the building of quality facilities for the Northern Territory

The MacKillop Saints Sporting Association would like to thank the Australian Government for this vital funding and acknowledge the ongoing support of the ever energetic Member for Solomon, Mr. Luke Gosling OAM MP for his steadfast support of our community.



DANCE AND DRAMA NEWS



Candice Slingerland
Languages Coordinator

International dance day strives to encourage participation and education in dance through events and festivals held on the date all over the world. So this was a wonderful opportunity for the rest of the school to see a small snippet of what happens in our performing arts department and support our young dancers. Thanks to all who came to our performances on International Dance Day.

Mandy Mattison
Dance Teacher



RECENT PHOTOS

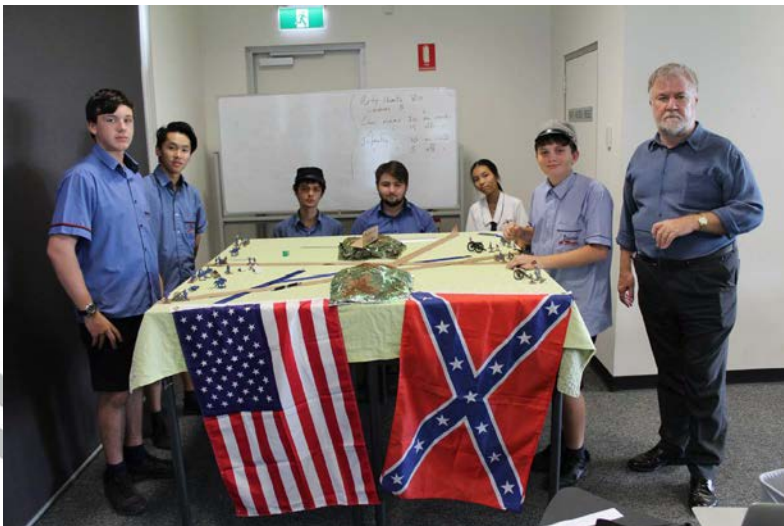
AWARD WINNERS



INTERHOUSE NETBALL COMPETITION



CIVIL WAR GAMING



LANDSCAPING WORKS



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fri 24 May** OLHC Feast Day
- Sat 25 May** Sorry Day
- Sun 26 May** Eels Cup
- Week 6** Year 7 Retreat
- Wed 29 May** Nongkrong after School
- Week 7** Year 9 Camp
- Mon 3 Jun** 7pm P&F Assoc. Meeting
- Sun 9 Jun** Pentecost
- Mon 10 Jun** QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Week 8** Year 11 Exams
- Wed 12 Jun** Nongkrong after school
- Fri 28 Jun** Last Day of Term 2
- 29 Jun -22 Jul** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
- Tue 23 Jul** First Day of Term 3

P&F ASSOC. NEWS

Dear Families,

We trust that all the special women in our lives enjoyed a wonderful Mother's Day.

Many, many thanks to everyone who supported our Mother's Day Stall. We had some absolutely beautiful handcrafted gifts. There are some incredibly talented people in our MacKillop family. A big Thank You to Keely Laughton and Molly Whitehead who helped with selling at Recess and Lunch. Once again we had some very happy students with some very special gifts.

Please take this opportunity to become a member of the newly formed Canteen Committee. As families it is important that we have input into what our children are purchasing at school. This is just one way in which our families can engage with the College. If you are interested please contact Laurretta Graham or leave a message with Vanda.

It was terrific to see so many people attend the Family Conferences. It is vitally important that families develop and maintain a positive relationship with their child's teachers. Engaging with your child's teachers ensures good two-way communication and leads to successful student outcomes. You might just be surprised at what's shared.

In this Newsletter there is a flyer about some free workshops to help you talk to young people about alcohol and drugs. Please note the dates and consider attending. Drug and alcohol use can affect everyone at some time.

As you know Woolworths is doing the Earn & Learn stickers again. Please drop your stickers into the MacKillop boxes or send them into the Office. The more we collect the more resources we can select.

Please take the time to complete the online Parent Satisfaction Survey. This is your opportunity to comment on various aspects relating to the College. Your honest feedback will enhance the teaching and learning taking place at MacKillop Catholic College.

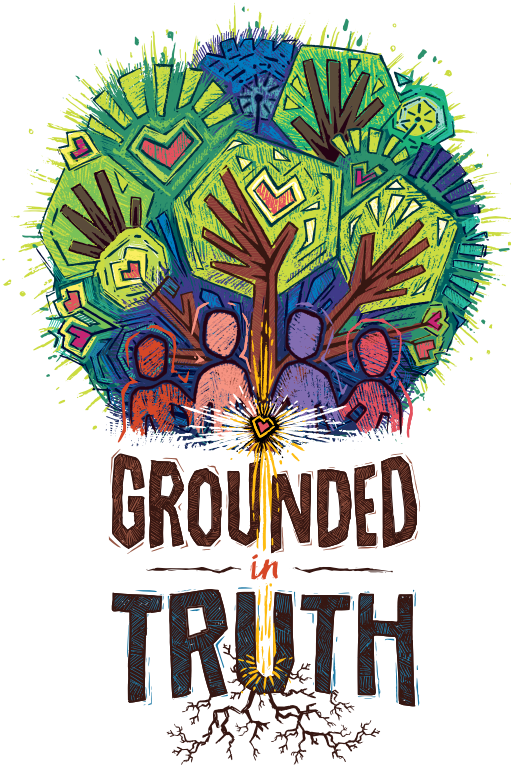
Our next P&F Committee meeting will be held on Monday 3 June at 7pm in the College Boardroom. Please come along. You will be most welcome.

Enjoy your families,

Elizabeth Laughton
P&F Assoc. President



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2019
27 MAY - 3 JUNE



WALK TOGETHER WITH COURAGE

To foster positive race relations, the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the broader community must be grounded in a foundation of truth. Whether you're engaging in challenging conversations or unlearning and relearning what you know, this journey requires all of us to walk together with courage.

Learn more at
reconciliation.org.au
#NRW2019



MDC
MACKILLOP DANCE COMPANY

**MACKILLOP DANCE
COMPANY IS LOOKING FOR
DANCERS TO JOIN US IN 2019**

Dancers of all ages, capabilities and styles are all
welcome!

Junior Dance Troupe rehearses Wednesday 3:15 - 4:30PM
Senior Dance Troupe rehearses Thursday 3:15 - 4:30PM
In the Dance Room

Any queries please see Mrs Mattison or Ms Flannery.



Mackillop HOCKEY

U14 BOYS AND GIRLS
DARWIN HOCKEY LEAGUE WEEKEND COMPETITION

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

CONTACT THE CLUB FOR MORE INFORMATION
SPORTS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

FIND OUT MORE AT

MACKILLOPSAINTS.COM

EMAIL PAUL.DIMMICK@NT.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU

COME AND TRY / TRAINING SESSIONS

Monday Afternoons 3-20pm at MacKillop Catholic College
NO COST. ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED.



**NAIDOC Family Day
& Staff Awards**

CatholicCare NT invite you to celebrate NAIDOC week with our staff

WHEN

**Wednesday 3 July 2019
10am to 2pm**

WHERE

CatholicCare NT

17 Hidden Valley Road Berrimah NT 0828

FEATURING

• Guest Speakers • Torres Strait Islander Dancers • Jumping Castle
• Kids Activities • Face Painting • Lunch • Stalls • Music • Drumming

For further details contact Phil Brown, General Manager Workforce & Partnerships
Phone: 8944 2000 Email: philip.brown@catholiccarent.org.au



**VOICE
TREATY
TRUTH**

07 - 14 JULY 2019

Let's work together
for a shared future.

catholiccarent.org.au

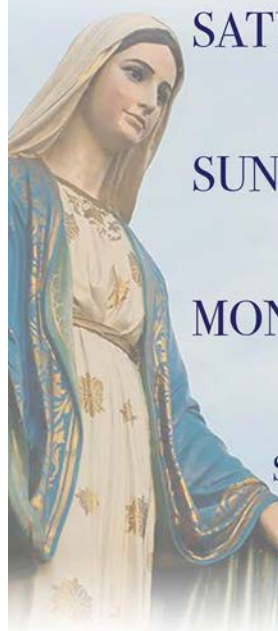


CatholicCare NT



**Mobile phone usage
by students is not
allowed in this College
8:30am - 3:05pm**

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
PALMERSTON
MASS TIMES



SATURDAY CONVENT 8:30 AM

VIGIL 6:00PM

SUNDAY 8:30 AM
6:00PM

MONDAY - FRIDAY 6:45 AM
6:00PM

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION AVAILABLE

RECONCILIATION 9AM SATURDAY

PARISH PRIEST - FR TOM ENGLISH
CORNER OF EMERY AVE. & HARRISON CRT. WOODROFFE, NT
PHONE: (08) 8932 3774 EMAIL: OLHOCPALMERSTON@YAHOO.COM.AU



WEDNESDAYS 3:15PM
WEEK 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11, T1 2019
6208

TUE & THURS
6:15AM - 7AM

SAT
8AM - 8:45 AM



● Johnston - MacKillop Catholic College ●

6WK BLOCK
1 SESH PW \$60
2 SESH PW \$120
3 SESH PW \$160

Call Kim: 0419819538

A 45-minute workout routine using intense cardio and weight lifting to burn fat feel great! and help you get fit.

How to talk to your children and young people about alcohol and drugs.

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A FREE event for parents and carers in the community to educate themselves and their young people about the topic of alcohol and drugs. This workshop will provide strategies on how to approach conversations and access further support if needed.

Aims of the workshop:

- Increase parent's knowledge of AOD.
- Increase parent's capacity to have open communication with their youth around AOD.
- Increase parent's capacity to identify and respond to AOD use in youth.
- Increase parent's knowledge of support services available to them and their young people.

Dates:

23rd May 10-11.30am
29th May 5.30-7pm.

Where:

Palmerston College 10 - 12 Campus
10 Tilston Ave, Driver, NT 0830

Details:

FREE event with refreshments provided.
Welcome to bring children and young people.

Booking:

Contact Catholic Care NT
on 8932 9977 or email
palmerston@catholiccarent.org.au



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Is your child :
saying they have no friends ?
diagnosed with autism or has traits of autism ?
able to play a table top game ?
11 years to 17 years and interested in playing D&D

What is Dungeons and Dragons (D&D)

Dungeons and Dragons is a role-playing game known today as one of the greatest games of wits and imagination. In a role-playing game, players join a game master in creating worlds filled with interesting characters and thrilling stories using nothing but words. As players, each person designs and controls their own unique character as their avatar in the world. The players create and tell their story that is truly unique to each party. Players narrate what their characters do, allowing them to shape the world as they see fit.

Come and try Day (FREE) limited seats
Saturday 4th May 2.30 to 5.30, Casuarina area
Autism NT has seats available at the D&D tables.
11 years and over

Book in call 0439 801 230



KNOW A LOCAL SPORTS STAR?

Celebrate the up and coming talent in your community.

Nominations are now open for the 2019 Local Sports Stars Awards.

NT News invites you to join us in proudly recognising the next generation of sporting talent.

From juniors competing at elite levels, teams who show great sportsmanship to the off-field heroes, our volunteers, coaches and supporters who make local sport possible.

Nominees will go in the draw to win a share of \$4,000 in cash prizes.

To nominate visit localsportstars.com.au/ntnews

Nominations open Monday 18 March 2019 and close 10pm Saturday 31 August 2019 for Northern Territory residents only. Winners determined during the judging period 2 September 2019 to 15 September 2019. Publication and prize winners names will be published following the awards presentation event in October 2019. Total Northern Territory prize pool valued at \$40,000 AUD. Full terms and conditions available at localsportstars.com.au/terms v2-2018-2019