



MACKILLOP NEWS

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



Laurretta Graham
Principal

Dear Members of the MacKillop Catholic College Family,

Sometimes we become so focused on the immediate, the here and now, what we have and don't have. Not bad things – just things that are important but simply don't deserve that much dedication and devotion at the expense of relationships, reaching out to others, and discovering the splendour of what might be there if we took the time to look. We simply don't see there are times that we should drop everything and go embrace our spouse, hug our children and help our friends. My hope for you this Lent and Easter is that you find some of this time to just waste with others.

Lent is a time when we refine the spiritual senses and identify the habits or patterns that pollute them. Lent is a time above all to give more time than we normally think we can afford to the mechanics of our spiritual life. It is not only about giving up but also of doing something more. To repent means not to feel guilty which is a waste of time and spirit. It means to be honest, clear-sighted and courageous enough to change direction.

It is a Christian tradition during the Season of Lent to participate in almsgiving, which is the giving and letting go of time or money to those in greater need than ourselves. Home form teachers are busy organising their Lenten projects with their students. I invite parents to get behind these projects and support CARITAS.

The Lenten messages from our Bishop Charles is another way families can choose to become more knowledgeable about the Season of Lent. For adults: https://youtu.be/a7L_hFc_tW4 and for children: <https://youtu.be/Pss3x9Sif9Y>

As we draw our thoughts towards the resurrection of Jesus, I leave you with an Easter prayer and blessing. This is an excerpt from a book called: Learning to Fall – the blessing of an imperfect life by Philip Simmons.

"This is the rhythm of our lives. We need the pulling, the striving, we need to be shaped by life. We need to be deformed so that we may return to form. For we are not angels but men and women of clay. All of us will be pulled off – centre, we shall be shaped by both disaster and delight. So we need to learn the art of returning to centre, letting go of all that binds us too tightly to both fear and hope, letting go of our attachment to both doom and reward, letting go of all the leaves us wobbling. We learn to return home in this way, we will return bearing gifts." And finally in the words of Megan Mc Kenna, theologian and writer: "May all that is half-hearted in you, all that is empty, all that seems dead, disappear in your desire to walk the way of the cross with Jesus and come home to the Father, to the kingdom, and to the community of those who seek the company of Jesus."

My hope for our community is that we all feel both physically and psychologically better because of a well – practiced Lent. This holy week may we be empowered once again in the resurrection.

Blessings,

Laurretta Graham
Principal

BUS NEWS



Bussy's Corner



Issue 2 – March 2020

Hello Students and Families

When leaving the bus, do so in an orderly manner.

Wait for the bus to leave, then cross the road safely.

Use crossings or traffic lights if available.

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN & THINK

Can parents/guardians please ensure that students understand their responsibilities as outlined in the *Code of Conduct for School Bus Travel*. Click on this link for the Code:

https://nt.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0010/547624/code-of-conduct-school-bus-travel.pdf

Read on for some helpful hints to keep you safe on the bus.....



Hint #2:

Never run across the road in front of or behind the bus!



Stop, Look, Listen

Stop, look and listen,
Before you cross the street.

Use your eyes, use your ears,
Before you use your feet.



Stay tuned for the next issue of Bussy's Corner.....



behaviour can have on children. If you're visibly upset or react in a way that suggests you're fearful, children will take their cues from you.

2. Stick to the facts

Ensure you stick to the facts. This will help keep conversations calm, considered, and constructive. Sharing factual information should help reassure children that there is no immediate risk to themselves, their friends, or their family.

3. Explain what efforts are being made to contain the virus.

Authorities are responding quickly. Travel in and out of the affected areas has been restricted, and scientists are working to develop a vaccine.

4. Offer practical advice

For the time being the easiest way to reduce the risk of being affected by viruses of any sort (including the common cold) is to practice good hygiene.

These are easy habits for children to adopt, and should help them feel as though they're able to exert some control over their circumstances.

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUR DISCUSSION WITH CHILDREN AND STUDENTS

<https://headspace.org.au/young-people/how-to-cope-with-stress-related-to-covid-19/> <https://schools.au.reachout.com/natural-disasters/dealing-with-bad-world-news>

<https://emergingminds.com.au/> - If you scroll down about half way there is a video for parents intended to upskill them in how to talk to their child about the pandemic.

FINANCE NEWS



Amos Wachira
Business Manager

The first fees statement for 2020 were sent out through emails on 03 March 2020. You are requested to review the statement and in case of any discrepancies, please refer it back to our finance team. Please quote your family ID/reference which can be found at the bottom of the statement while forwarding your queries.

School fees are now Overdue unless a payment arrangement with the college has been agreed. Please ensure if you have not yet completed a payment agreement to contact the finance team so we have a record of your scheduled and intended payment of fees.

Back to School Voucher: All families are entitled to a \$150 voucher per child from the NT government to assist with certain school related costs such as uniforms, book packs and excursions. If you have not filled one please contact us to ensure we receive it before the end of Term 1 deadline. The vouchers will be reconciled and posted on the fees statements at the beginning of Term II.

Payments of school fees can be made via BPay, credit card, direct debit or cash payment at our front office reception and direct bank transfer to the below College bank account.

National Australia Bank

BSB: 085933
Account: 396042505
Reference: Family ID

These payment options are provided for on your statement. Please include your family reference when making payment so we can allocate monies to correct account.

CORONAVIRUS NEWS

TIPS FOR PRACTISING GOOD HYGIENE

- use a tissue or your elbow to block a cough or a sneeze, keep your hands clean and avoid touching your face
- if you are unwell, contact your General Practitioner who will assess if you need to be tested for COVID-19 infection and arrange for you to be tested – call ahead first as there may be protocols in place to prevent the spread of the virus
- maintain at least one metre between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

If a child brings up Coronavirus or asks questions, it is important to acknowledge how they may be feeling and to answer questions as honestly as possible. This will help them feel informed and understand what is happening.

It is important to emphasise that even though there is one confirmed case of the virus in the Northern Territory. Also, it is important students understand the low risk of serious illness.

1. Be aware of your own behaviour

It's important that adults understand the effect their own

For all queries pertaining to school fees, please call 89305716 or email finance.mackillop@nt.catholic.edu.au

Amos Wachira

Business Manager

SAINTS RUGBY NEWS

All Training, Courses and Games Postponed

As a measure to stop the spread of contagions, at a meeting on the 16th of March Rugby Australia made the decision to immediately suspend all community Rugby activity, including games, training and courses, effective immediately until at least the start of May. This will mean there will be no Saints Rugby training or games until further notice, including both the men's and women's events scheduled this week.

A Great Start to the Season

The U14 Boys started the season with a 44-17 win over the Swampdogs in their first game. They had no such luck the following week, going down 43-12 to the University Pirates. The boys had been looking forward to their next game on Friday against the Dragons, which has unfortunately been postponed until further notice along with all other Rugby activity.

Our girls also came out victorious from their first preseason game with an impressive win over an all-star adversarial team. Girls games have also been postponed.



Friends of Rugby Ball Donation

We would like to thank Friends of Rugby for the generous donation of new balls for MacKillop Saints and other Junior Clubs. They made the presentation after a spectacular weekend of Masters Rugby at Little Mindil last weekend.



RUGBY LEAGUE NEWS

Eels Cup Squad Named

Round 1 Team Announced for the Eels Cup

Congratulations to all players from the Eels Cup Invitational Training Squad who were named in the the team for Round 1 -

Zac Morgan
Brayden Tilley
Kayden Heikkinen
Dylan Mugadza (VC)
Toby Roberts
Beau Ryan
Izaiah Waters
Justin Hemopo
Brandon McConnell
Talan Krout
Harry Fulton
Liam Kennedy (C)
Jett Wilson
Brandon Norris
DJ Brown
Jye Mallett
Jack James
Josh Chiplen
Isaiah Baldock*
Konnar Black*

* To be confirmed

Unavailable - Ryan Gleeson & Noah Pinheiro

An analysis of the team shows that Academy Head Coach, Matthew Sharp, has made some interesting selections in key positions across the team. When asked about selections, he offered the following statements -

'From fullback to bench, I am happy with how this team list has come together. We have been training well as a team of late and all players will be ready for Rd. 1 against our old rivals, Taminmin, no matter which jersey is on their back. Some players have been named in positions strategically and I am looking for impact off our bench. Few teams in this competition would be able to boast about having the likes of NT Rugby 7s representative, Brandon Norris, coming off their bench. It's going to be difficult for tired players to stop his fresh set of legs coming on late into the half'.

When asked about which players to keep an eye out for during the first round, Sharp said he was looking towards Kayden Heikkinen

FOOD TECH NEWS

and Justin Hemopo to have big games adding that both have been playing in the Cup since they were in Year 9 and that he felt this was their year as taking on leadership roles would bring out the best in them.

Sharp also pointed towards impact back, Isaiah Baldock, as a player who will be instrumental in this campaign saying -

‘Isaiah is a gifted natural footballer and a natural leader who is looked up to by his peers. He is also caught up with representative AFL at this time but I hope he will make himself available for selection in this tournament. He is a key player in our team and has won games for us on his own in the past - like the Top End Shield of 2018. I have big wraps on this young man and believe he has representative potential in Rugby League’.

Spectators wishing to watch the game on Wednesday 18th of March are encouraged to attend TRL Stadium for the 4pm kick off.

Best of luck to the Saints and all involved.

As of time of publication, there has not been any formal notice of the Eels Cup being cancelled or postponed. Please note that this remains a possibility.

Mrs Graham's cooking class have been making delicious pizza. They also brought a cake to Mrs Rands and sang her "Happy Birthday".



SAINTS BASKETBALL

MacKillop Saints Basketball Academy, under the leadership of Mr Jackson, has had a great start to the year, and very enthusiastic participation by a large number of students.

On Wednesday they will be travelling to Taminmin for a Middle and Senior school game.

PARRS NETBALL

PARRS Netball champions! A wonderful day of sportsmanship yesterday.

We are very proud to have taken out the Middle School PARRS Netball competition with MacKillop 1 team, undefeated. Our seniors had a fantastic day of competition with a mix of male and female players, drawing for first place with Palmerston College. Well done to Miss Cooke, Miss Quirk & Miss Kim for supporting our students.



YEAR 8 JOURNALISM CLASS

A class of Year 8s put their journalism skills to the test with a practical activity involving the staged discovery of some bones and military paraphernalia in the school grounds. They were to record as much information as they could and carry out research, without unreasoned speculation, to produce news stories.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Coronavirus Note

At this stage, there has been no cancellation of overseas trips or exchange student plans scheduled for later in the year. The MacKillop community will be kept up to date with any developments as the year and the coronavirus situation progresses. Please keep our previous MacKillop exchange students and their friends and families in Milan in your prayers as they deal with life at one of the epicentres of the pandemic.

Indonesia Study Tour Fundraising

We've had some very successful fundraisers recently for the Indonesia study tour, including a Sausage sizzle at IGA and a lunchtime bake sale. Coming up we have a Trivia Night at Cazalys.



Host Families Wanted!

In Week 1 Term 3, pending international circumstances, we will have 20 students from our sister school in Japan, Hakata, visiting us, and we are looking for families willing to offer them a room. We also have four students coming from Italy for the whole of Term 3, who also need somewhere to stay. Please get in touch if you can help out.

MACKILLOP FM

Three Year 9 students, Danella, Maddy and Jazz, have created the hit new radio station we are coming to know and love every homeform as they announce the notices for the day and start our mornings off with their eclectic tastes in music. Tune in over the coming weeks!



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Two sisters. One dangerous secret. Twenty-four hours to uncover the truth. Seventeen-year-old Tempest was born into a world of water. The most skilled diver on the Equinox Reef, she searches drowned cities with her older sister Elysea, seeking out

old world treasures to trade for Notes. After Elysea mysteriously drowns, Tempest scavenges the ruins alone, driven to collect enough Notes to buy her sister's life for 24 hours, and to finally learn the secret she had kept until her last breath.

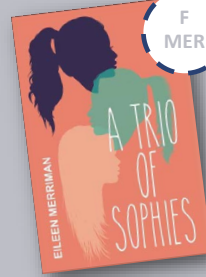
However, once revived, Elysea convinces Tempest to break her out of the Palindromena research facility and they embark on a dangerous journey to discover the truth about their parents' death. But they're pursued by two Palindromena employees desperate to find them before Elysea's time is up, and to prevent them from uncovering the secrets behind the revival process and the true cost of restored lives.

Some of what's New In the Library

A missing girl, a secret diary and unsettling revelations...

Today is the first of September, the first day of spring, and it's been sixty-four days since I last saw Sophie Abercrombie. It's been sixty-four days since anyone saw Sophie Abercrombie. The prettiest Sophie. The missing Sophie.

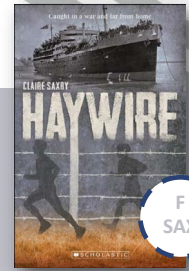
As Sophie MacKenzie — Mac — confides to her diary, she last saw Sophie Abercrombie kissing James Bacon, their English teacher. Mac has passed this on to the police, but there is plenty she knows about James Bacon that she has kept to herself. She hasn't even told Twiggy, the third Sophie in their once tightknit threesome.



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Max used to live in Germany with his parents, but as they were against Adolf Hitler and his policies, Max was sent off to live with his Uncle in London. As the war intensifies, suddenly both Max and his Uncle are no longer welcome in London and instead are interred and shipped off to Australia as a result of their German heritage.

Tom lives in rural Australia but as his two older brothers leave to join the war effort, Tom's dreams of a university scholarship are shattered, as he must help in the family bakery. The town is divided by the imminent arrival of the interns at the recently built camp. Some believe they are the enemy and can only cause trouble, with others believing they are just unfortunate, displaced people whose arrival is bringing work to the town. When the boys meet, they form an instant bond and Tom goes to great lengths to assist his new friend Max in his quest to return home.



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Father Gerry Remie Centre

Library

RTO NEWS



Rachel Taylor
RTO Manager

Current Apprenticeships and Traineeship Vacancies

Apprenticeships and traineeships combine work-based training with an employer and formal training from a training provider. They are established under training contracts between the employer and the apprentice or trainee and are regulated by government. They're a great way to be paid for work, learn and earn a qualification. The below current vacancies are available. If you are interested in any of these

opportunities, contact Rachel Taylor.

Apprenticeship
Traineeship
Traineeship

Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical Trade
Certificate III in Business
Certificate III in Business (Indigenous Identified)

Full-Time
School Based
Full-Time

Australian Defence Force – Gap Year Recruiting

On an ADF Gap Year you'll grow and develop in a dynamic, supportive and people-focussed environment.

Learn more - Gain valuable skills and work experience

Earn more - Enjoy a good salary package

Experience more - Live a varied, active and healthy life

Apply online NOW:

defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/gap-year

University and Higher Education Information sessions

In 2020, the Flexible Learning Centre is organising University and Higher Education visits to the College to enable students to meet and ask questions about their university entry pathway options.

14 May – Notre Dame University 12.45pm in Flexible Learning

Rachel Taylor
RTO Manager

SACHA KING EVENT POSTPONED

We apologise to all who were looking forward to the presentation by youth mental health expert Sacha King, which was scheduled to take place this Friday. Due to recently implemented crowd restriction measures, this event has been postponed until further notice.

YEAR 7 NEWS

Year 7 Textiles



Year 7 Welcome Dinner



RAP NEWS



Sherri Bryers
RAP Coordinator

many join this exciting project towards Reconciliation.

MacKillop Catholic College has had an active Reconciliation Action Group (RAP) for two years now. We are expanding this group and inviting the wider community to participate in this project. If you are wondering what a RAP is, please visit this website - <https://www.narragunnawali.org.au/raps/what-is-a-rap>. You can also attend the next meeting to discuss the Actions currently being implemented within the College. Current students in all year levels are also more than welcome to join the group. We hope to see

Sherri Bryers
RAP Coordinator

STUDENT POETRY

A Guideline For A Mother (An idiom Poem)

By Kendra Morgan, Year 8

*'Mum' - the definition of a superhero
Just to let you know, mine's amazing!
How she does it all, I'm don't know,
Taking care of a band of little demons that drive her up the wall.
I know it ain't easy...
It's no bed of roses is it?
More like a method to her madness!*

*We're generally anything but good
And sometimes stubborn as can be,
But she's a blessing in disguise,
She's the apple of our eyes.
'You're one in a million mum!'*

*She's endlessly having to drive a hard bargain.
We're always her enemies of the state, when it comes to listening,
But continuously she's moving heaven and earth for us,
Though we constantly keep her on her toes.
When we're stubborn and we don't listen
She will always be there to help
Because without exception
She always is.
She's our Super Hero.*

Free Verse by Akhil - By Akhilash Garg – Year 7

*Playing rugby with people that I don't know
Though they are friendly just like me,
But when my friends see,
They will join my team.
If they don't sadness will appear on me
Like a wilted flower or a bruised fruit.
That will curse me.
Until I get to learn that
They will eventually join.
Then we will start to play a friendly game
Bang!
As our friendly game continues
Like a chili in someone's mouth... it is hot, almost choking us!
We put in 110 percent...
Our hearts burn.
Random people ask to play
When we all say
Yes!
Join our team!
We play and play,
Throughout the day.
We start a club to celebrate that how many people joined
They joined my team
And I was full of happiness.*

Poem by Kelvin Morris - Year 8

*The night is bright -
Never stopping for the night,
And the trees with their crown of fire...
The flames rose higher and higher
And the koalas's waiting near and far
For the night to bring the stars.
With the stars the sky clears
Then drift away all my fears
But when i look close I start to weep
Because I see the damage deep.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 18 Mar Musical Rehearsal After School

Eels Cup

No Girls Rugby until Further Notice

Fri 20 Mar **Harmony Day**

*Sacha King Event Postponed
Until Further Notice*

No Boys Rugby until Further Notice

Mon 23 Mar Musical Rehearsal After School

Week 9 Mar **Year 10 Retreat**

Wed 25 Mar Musical Rehearsal After School

Nongkrong after school

Thu 26 Mar **Meg Ward Cup**

Immunisations

Fri 27 Mar **Immunisations**

Lunchtime Basketball Finals

Mon 30 Mar Musical Rehearsal After School

Tue 31 Mar **Parent/Teacher/Student
Conferences**

Wed 1 Apr **Parent/Teacher/Student
Conferences**

Musical Rehearsal After School

Thu 2 Apr **RAP Meeting**

Sat 4 Apr **Indonesia Study Tour Quiz Night**

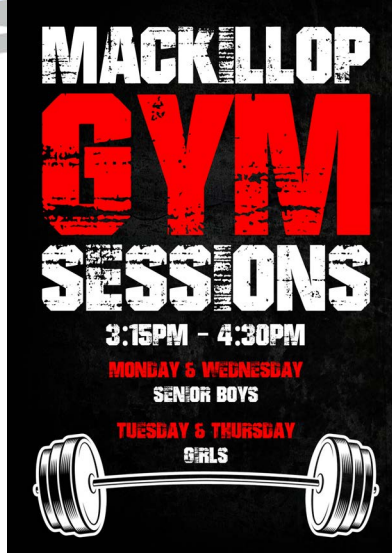
Sun 5 Apr **Palm Sunday**

Mon 6 Apr **P&F Meeting 7pm**

Tue 7 Apr **Mass of Oils 7pm**

Wed 8 Apr **Nongkrong after school**

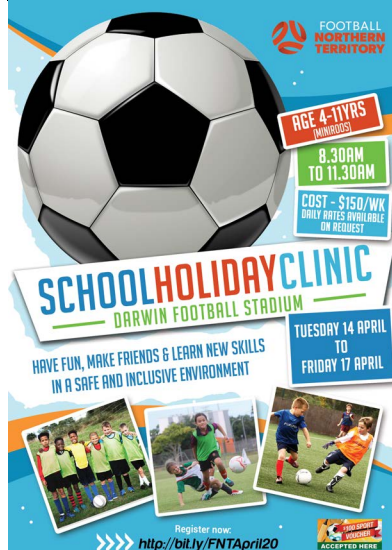
May your journey always be filled with blessings and may the life of



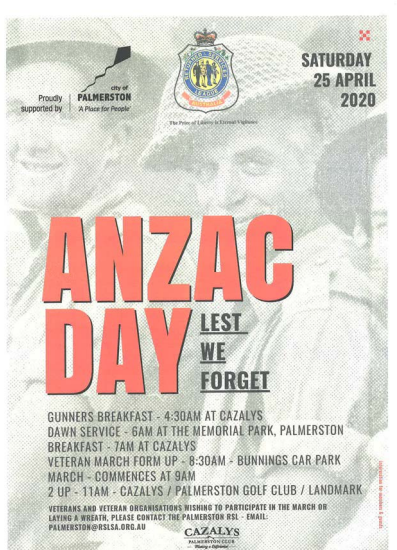
MACKILLOP GYM SESSIONS
3:15PM - 4:30PM
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY SENIOR BOYS
TUESDAY & THURSDAY GIRLS



MACKILLOP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
Friday Lunchtimes
Week 2 McCormack vs Confalonieri
Week 3 Hurley vs McGrath
Week 4 Confalonieri vs Hurley
Week 5 McGrath vs McCormack
Week 6 McCormack vs Hurley
Week 7 Confalonieri vs McGrath
Grand Final - Week 9
SEE MS GALE FOR MORE INFORMATION



SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC
DARWIN FOOTBALL STADIUM
HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS & LEARN NEW SKILLS
IN A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT
TUESDAY 14 APRIL TO FRIDAY 17 APRIL
AGE 4-11YRS (MINIMUM)
8.30AM TO 11.30AM
COST - \$150/WK
DAILY RATES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
Register now: <http://bit.ly/FNTApril20>



ANZAC DAY LEST WE FORGET
SATURDAY 25 APRIL 2020
GUNS BREAKFAST - 4:30AM AT CAZALYS
DAWN SERVICE - 6AM AT THE MEMORIAL PARK, PALMERSTON
BREAKFAST - 7AM AT CAZALYS
VETERAN MARCH FORM UP - 8:30AM - BUNNINGS CAR PARK
MARCH - COMMENCES AT 9AM
2 UP - 11AM - CAZALYS / PALMERSTON GOLF CLUB / LANDMARK
VETERANS AND VETERAN ORGANISATIONS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARCH OR LAYING A WREATH, PLEASE CONTACT THE PALMERSTON RSL - EMAIL: PALMERSTONRSL@RSL.ORG.AU



TALES TO TAILS
CITY OF PALMERSTON LIBRARY
Dogs are great listeners!
Tales to Tails is a confidence building program for children aged 6-14 to practice their reading and elevate their literacy skills by reading to a trained therapy dog.
Do you know a child who is uncomfortable reading aloud?
This could just be the program for them.
Teachers, parents, carers or friends can nominate children for this program.
Limited spaces available, contact the library to book a timeslot.
Mondays April 20 & 27
May 11, 18 & 25
15 minutes sessions from 4pm
Request an application form by email: askus@palmerston.nt.gov.au or call (08) 8935 9999



Darwin Athletics Club
2020 Season March to September
Track and Field
Arafura Stadium, Marrara
Come and meet DAC's new head coach Jess Brewster at the free come and try training sessions for
Tiny Tots
Junior and Senior Athletes
Masters
Athletes with a Disability
Para Athletes



NONGKRONG
INDONESIAN HANGOUT GROUP
WEDNESDAYS WEEKS 3,5,7,9,11
3:15PM - 4:00PM
IN THE INDONESIAN ROOM
COME FOR A CHAT IN BAHASA INDONESIA, AND A SNACK!
SEE MISS SLINGERLAND FOR MORE DETAILS.



Tuesday 17 March, 5.30 - 6.30pm
Friday 20 March, 5.30 - 6.30pm
Registration opens at 5pm
Tiny Tots classes are on Fridays
darwin.athletics@gmail.com
darwinathletics.org.au
facebook.com/DarwinAthleticsClub/
DARWIN ATHLETICS CLUB