



MACKILLOP NEWS

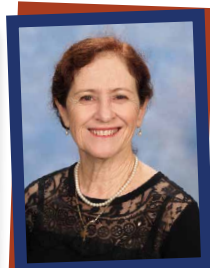
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"Never see a need without trying to do something about it"
St. Mary MacKillop



Lauretta Graham
Principal

Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Family,

As our school slowly gets back to normal, I want to, one more time, thank all families, teachers, school support staff and leadership team members for the amazing way you have changed how our school operated in recent weeks. Also, congratulations on the way you have continued to provide hope and stability for the young people in your care during these uncertain times. I have noticed many times families and staff working together to keep our children working and engaged in learning. You have been brilliant.

Last Friday was the first time in the history of the school when we did not hold a whole school ANZAC Day service. Our first was held in the Library in 2012. The whole school comprising of less than one hundred students gathered on that day, in the Library. It was our one and only learning space at the time, with students entering and exiting through the fire escape door at the back of the Library.

We had no oval, playground or canteen; no electives, science labs or food studies. We only had the Library. This Library is known today as the Fr Gerry Remie Centre and it complements the school; back then it was the school.

Fr Gerry Remie was instrumental in the development of the Catholic faith in Palmerston and the surrounding rural areas. His love and support for children was legendary. Fr Gerry was a committed educator of the Catholic faith for the children of Palmerston and Humpty Doo. He tirelessly sacrificed himself building these foundations with the vision of a Catholic Secondary College in mind and heart. On Friday, our ANZAC Service took on another format. Students sitting in rows and columns adhering to social distancing. This year, across the College at the same time of 12 noon, the service took place in each classroom.

I had the pleasure to be part of Mr Robert Butcher's Home Form. They were respectful, prayerful and conducted themselves as they would in a large formal gathering. We are certainly blessed each day to share in the lives and hopes of our students and families.

Thank you to all families who encouraged their children to participate in the Palmerston Driveway Tribute on Anzac Day. Musicians everywhere were encouraged to take to their front yards to play the Last Post and Rouse or Reveille for neighbours. I believe Mr David Graham's trumpet could be heard throughout Herbert.

Mr Paul Dimmick's InTaD class created some incredible silhouettes that adorned the main entrance of the school. I do hope you had the pleasure of seeing them.

Sincerely,

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



27th April 2020

A joint letter from the MacKillop Catholic College Board and the MacKillop Catholic College Parents and Friends Association

Dear Students, Families, Staff and Community Members,

Term 2 has started and luckily in the NT our kids are allowed back to school. A true blessing, as our kids are now able to continue their education in the best way possible; at school. It is during these unprecedented times that we need to remember that our College is more than an educational institution; we are a united community.

The COVID-19 crisis has kept us all in uncertainty. The media has been bombarding us with information, correctly or not. We are all maybe somewhat tired of the information overload. Therefore, please bear with us as we are trying to communicate how we as a College, as a community, are responding to this situation.

With this letter we intend to focus on the wellbeing of all Community members; students, staff and families.

Most important is health and mental wellbeing. This is the focus of the College during the COVID-19 crisis for all our students, staff, families and community members.

Yes, your child's academic progress is important, and therefore every tool available is put into place to make sure all students can proceed in their individual learning journey.

From Elizabeth Laughton – President of the MacKillop Catholic College P&F Association:

A warm 'Welcome Back' to everyone for Term 2 of a very different, and for some very difficult, year.

The first thing I would like to say is 'Congratulations' for doing all that you can to ensure the wellbeing of your families during this uncertain time. The challenges are coming thick and fast for all of us as we travel this unknown path together. I know you have heard a lot about the help, financial and personal, available to you and I would absolutely encourage you to take advantage of everything on offer. Whatever help we ask for and receive is to benefit our families so we need to remember this when making the sometimes difficult decision to extend our hand in need.

Perhaps the most practical way we can help one another during this time is by exercising our gift of listening. Reach out to others so that they can reach out to you. Make a phone call, get busy on social media, FaceTime a friend, send a letter or have a conversation with a neighbour. You could also try contacting a support agency to find out if there is someone who would greatly benefit from a conversation. We need to listen to our children most carefully at present as they will be processing events in a different way to most adults. It's important that we validate their feelings and recognise their concerns while also providing a pathway to a positive outcome.

Please remember that you know your children better than anyone else. Whether you have made the decision to send your child to school, or to opt for home schooling, you are making the best decision you can based on all available information. We are grateful to our College staff for continuing to ensure the best education possible for our students. Don't forget that the College is able to assist with any information or assistance you may need in relation to your child's schooling at this time.

Take care, stay safe and enjoy your families.

From Amber Stevens, Chair of the MacKillop Catholic College Board:

The Board fully supports the MacKillop Catholic College staff in their operational management during this crisis. We know the College staff is focused on your child's wellbeing, health, safety and academic progress. No student will be left behind. All students are monitored, their wellbeing secured. Your child is not a number in our College and their safety and wellbeing are of the utmost importance.

These are indeed challenging times and our College management and staff have to deal with daily changing information and legislation. Please be patient with our teachers and supporting staff. They are trying to deal with it to the best of their capacities.

We acknowledge that many of our families are struggling with fear, anxiety, grief, financial stress and more. We are aware. We know. We care. You are not alone.

Our College has many things in place to support your child and your family. Communication is the most important. If you have concerns about your child, or your family, contact the College. There are many ways to assist you.

Let us grow stronger as a community and let us be brave during these difficult times. Let's lead each other with Courage.

With Blessings to you and yours,

Amber Stevens
Chair - MacKillop Catholic College Board

Elizabeth Laughton
President – MacKillop Catholic College P&F Association

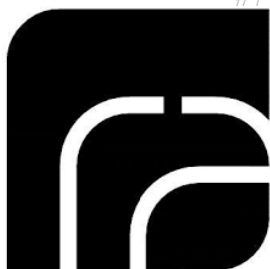
COLLEGE MASTERPLAN

Last year Rossi Architects were engaged by MacKillop Catholic College to review the school's existing built environment and, in collaboration with the school, develop a holistic master plan vision to ensure future works are well considered both in reflecting the values of the school and in technical construction requirements.

We are pleased to inform the school community on behalf of the MCC leadership that we recently commenced the first design works in realising this master plan vision. This initial step will see construction of a new VET Centre to be located at the rear of the school between Block C and the school oval to consolidate the trades precinct of the school campus. Rossi Architects are excited to endorse this work and congratulate the school in the realisation of this important milestone for the school.

Rossi Kourounis

Principal
Rossi Architects



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FROM THE CHAPLAIN



Stella Wallis
College Chaplain

Easter Saturday was celebrated for one family in a very special way.

The Cook family, Dianne, Jordyn 8.7 and Sophie 10.2, celebrated their sacraments, Jordyn celebrated Baptism, First reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, Dianne and Sophie celebrated First reconciliation, first Communion and Confirmation.

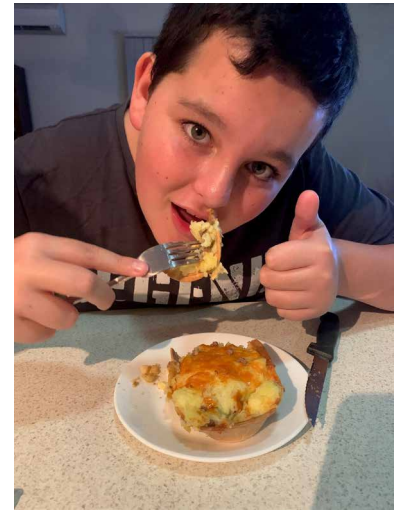
The Cook family were welcomed into the Holy Spirit Parish by Father Dave Callaghan. Dianne, Jordyn and Sophie completed the RCIA program by meeting with Father Dave at the Parish on Saturdays.

Father Dave Callaghan was given special permission from Bishop Charles for Dianne, Jordyn and Sophie to complete their journey into the church.

Please offer your congratulations to the Cook family on this awesome achievement, I am so proud to welcome another family into the Church. What a wonderful blessing.

Stella Wallis

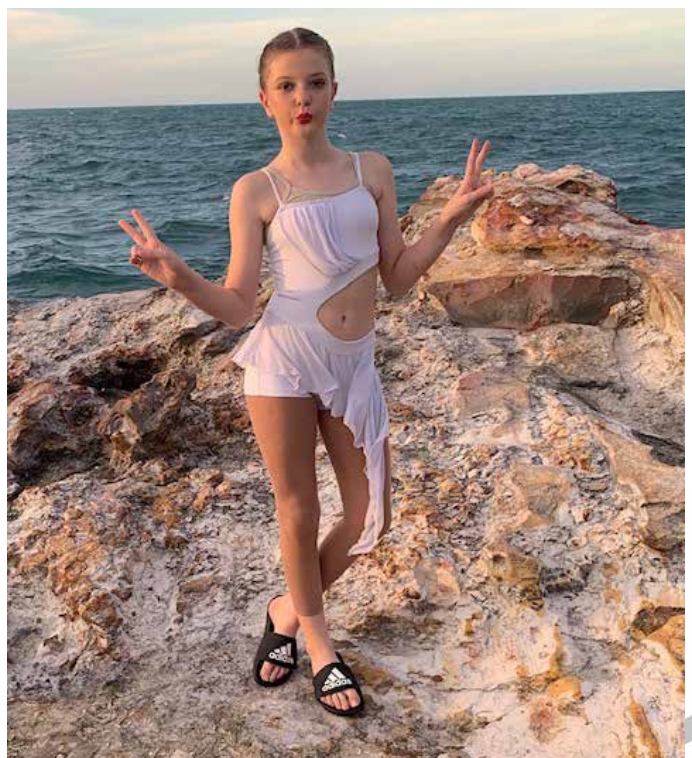
College Chaplain



VIRTUAL SEABREEZE FESTIVAL

This year the Seabreeze Festival will be taking place online, with artists and performers pre-recording their contributions to be part of a massive series of entertainment which will be broadcast on television, radio and online.

Year 7 student Elizabeth Gordon will be participating with a dance performance. Well done Elizabeth!



STUDENTS HOME COOKING

Being stuck at home in recent weeks hasn't stopped MacKillop kids from learning, not even in elective subjects! Here are some students from Mrs Graham's Food Technology class creating some delicious meals and treats in their home kitchens. Here are some photos of Talan Gilson making shepherd's pie and Liam Muhsam making a cake, bacon and eggs, and hot cross buns.





Mackillop Eagle Students Race Solar Powered Vehicles

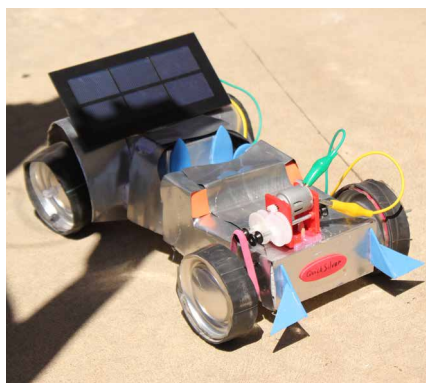
Throughout Term 1 students from our Gifted and Talented Group have been working hard on their designs for miniature solar powered vehicles. Students were given a small solar panel, an electric motor, and a gearbox – and told to organise everything else from "recycled materials."

On Monday 27th April, they finally had a chance to let the rubber hit the road, racing each other to find a champion for each year level.

Whilst it wasn't quite Mount Panorama, it was exciting to see the mechanics work as they were intended. The power of the sun was converted into torque efficiently enough to move the cars along a footpath. The winning entries featured light weight, durability, and some clever designs in wheels.

Congratulations to the champions: year 7's Lily Hollister, Year 8 Travis Higgs, Year 9 Arthur Lewis, and year 10 Airlia Karamandis. They received a \$20 MacDonalds voucher each - many thanks to our local branch just down the road!

The next stage of the competition is for four groups to build advanced cars in a team effort.



Left: Champions

Left to right:
Ms Sam Gill with
Macca's Vouchers,
Arthur Lewis,
Airlia Karmandis,
Lily Hollister,
Travis Higgs,
and Dr Tom Lewis.

23rd April 2019



Dear Families,

The NT Department of Health has advised that it is safe for schools in the NT to remain open and for students and staff to attend school. At MacKillop Catholic College we are endeavouring to maintain social distancing though schools are currently exempt from complying with these directions from the NT Chief Health Officer.

There have been no cases of community transmission of COVID-19 in the NT. This places the NT in a different position to other states and territories that have stronger measures in place.

Schools are an essential service and every child should have access to education. We remind families that if you are in isolation that you contact the College to discuss the educational needs for your student if you have not already done so.

Hand hygiene, cough etiquette and environmental cleaning are effective ways to enhance safety for staff and students and prevent the virus spreading.

Students are reminded not to share food or drink. Students should bring water bottles from home (and wash daily) and only use the communal water fountains/bubblers for filling bottles. Students should not be drinking by mouth from water fountains/bubblers.

Our *Olive Grove Café* is open with social distancing measures in place. We encourage students to pre-order their food to enhance social distancing and reduce serving times. The café has sanitising stations by the doors and contactless payment is appreciated if possible.

Students should be disinfecting laptops and other devices (mice, headsets etc) each evening on arrival at home to avoid cross contamination. Students may wish to have their own disinfectant wipes or hand sanitiser to use through the day.

Students participating in physical education, outdoor education classes or Saints Academy classes are reminded they should be changing from full formal uniform to HPE uniform and back again. Students are encouraged to use the showering facilities available within change rooms at the end of class.

Stay Safe,

Rachel Griffen

WHS Coordinator - MacKillop Catholic College



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FRIDAY
LUNCH TIMES

TERM 2

INTERHOUSE LUNCH TIME
NETBALL

2020

Week 2
McGrath vs McCormack

Week 3
Confalonieri vs Hurley

Week 4
McGrath vs Hurley

Week 5
McCormack vs Confalonieri

Week 6
Confalonieri vs McGrath

Week 7
Hurley vs McCormack

Grand Final
Friday Week 8

ALL WELCOME
SEE MS GALE
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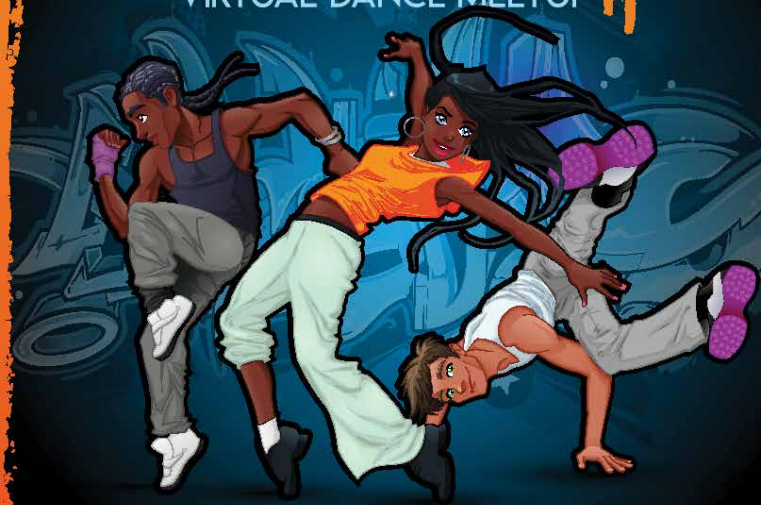
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12 - 25YRS



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YOU CAN STILL ENROL FOR 2021

In response to current measures in place to protect the health of our community, enrolment interviews for next year are being conducted online or by phone rather than face-to-face.

Arrange your interview by calling (08) 8930 5708 or emailing our Enrolment Officer - olivia.lynch@nt.catholic.edu.au.

More information can be found at mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/enrol