



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 MacKillop Catholic College Community,

Over the past fortnight we have had the absolute privilege of hearing from our senior year's leadership candidates. Each nominee confidently addressed the entire MacKillop College Community and presented their leadership plan to a selection panel. I was impressed with each student. Through these opportunities they showed their personal courage, integrity and humility, and their respect and loyalty for their College. Each candidate proclaimed their willingness to assume responsibility for serving others and to lead by example not just by word. Their willingness to lead in a manner that is consistent with the tradition and ethos of our previous leaders.

Leadership at MacKillop is not an individual pursuit but rather it takes shape through their being a member of a team of leaders in a spirit of service, compassion and community mindedness. Our leaders acknowledge their spiritual journey towards God and commit to emulating their patron Saint Mary MacKillop.

This week, I look forward to finalising the selection process and the following phase of preparation, hope and planning as we explore new and exciting possibilities for 2021.

With Every Blessing,

Laurretta Graham

Principal - MacKillop Catholic College



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

C I R C U L A R

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29/10/2020

TO:

- **ALL STAFF AT CENT SCHOOLS AND THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE**
- **THE DIOCESAN OFFICE AND PARISH PRIESTS**
- **MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION COUNCIL NT**
- **ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AT MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

SUBJECT: RESIGNATION - LAURETTA GRAHAM - PRINCIPAL, MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Dear Colleagues


I write to inform you that Laretta Graham has provided me notice of her intention to resign as Principal of MacKillop Catholic College at the end of the 2020 academic year. Laretta will return to her hometown of Cairns with her appointment as Founding Principal of Newman Catholic College at the beginning of 2021. She looks forward to setting up this new College being built on the grounds of James Cook University.

We welcomed Laretta to CENT as the Founding Principal of MacKillop Catholic College in October 2011. Prior to this appointment Laretta was the Principal of St Andrew's Catholic College, Cairns, for ten years and had undertaken a variety of roles in Queensland schools for many years. Laretta oversaw the opening of the middle school at MacKillop with all its teething problems in 2012, and has managed its quick expansion into a very successful Years 7-12 College, serving the needs of the growing community. Her faith, drive, vision, commitment, skills and energy quickly established a firm base for the College to build on, and it has continued to flourish as an educational provider in the Palmerston area in the following years.

The pastoral support of students, staff and families has been an additional strength of Laretta's leadership, along with very strong connections to the wider community. She facilitated the College as a hub for over fifteen external groups who utilise its facilities, ensuring the College is a key participant in local, communal activities.

I acknowledge the outstanding work that Laretta has done to establish, develop and grow MacKillop Catholic College. Please join me in thanking Laretta for her work and contribution to Catholic Education NT, and wishing her every success on her new appointment.

The principalship at MacKillop Catholic College will be advertised shortly, followed by a selection process and appointment.



Greg O'Mullane
DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

29 October 2020

To the Cairns Catholic Education Community

Appointment: Foundation Principal, Newman Catholic College, Smithfield - Mrs Laretta Graham

On behalf of His Excellency, The Most Reverend James Foley DD DPh, Bishop of Cairns, it is with great excitement we announce that Mrs Laretta Graham has accepted the position of foundation Principal of Newman Catholic College, Smithfield, commencing in February 2021. Laretta is well known to many within the Cairns community. She was the foundation principal of St Andrew's Catholic College, Redlynch, leading the College from 2001-2011, through the challenges of its early development to its success as a leading school of choice in the Cairns area. From 2011 to the current time, Laretta has held the position of foundation principal of Mackillop Catholic College in Palmerston in the Northern Territory.

Laretta is also well known throughout Australia for her strengths in leading the development and establishment of new schools, and her wisdom, experience and outstanding leadership skills will once again enrich education within the Diocese of Cairns.

We are grateful to the members of the panel who conducted the extensive selection and interview process. The panel included Mr Ian Davis, Deputy Executive Director, Fr Neil Muir, Moderator of the Curia, Ms Dora Luxton, Private Consultant, Dr Satine Winter, JCU and Community representative, Dr Andrea O'Brien, Director School Effectiveness, and Mr John Chesher from Traksearch. The position attracted a large number of applicants from across Australia and locally.

Please join Bishop James and I in congratulating Laretta on her appointment and her return to Cairns. We look forward to working with her in the challenging, rewarding, and exciting journey that will be Newman Catholic College.

Yours sincerely



BILL DIXON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Digging a Hole

Two brothers once decided to dig a deep hole behind their house. As they were working, a couple of other boys stopped by to watch.

"What are you doing?" asked one of the visitors.

"We're going to dig a hole all the way through the earth!", one of the brothers volunteered excitedly.

The other boys began to laugh, telling the brothers that digging a hole all the way through the earth was impossible. After a long silence, one of the diggers picked up a jar full of spiders and worms and insects and interesting stones. He removed the lid and showed the wonderful contents to the scoffing visitors.

Then he said confidently, "Even if we don't dig all the way through the earth, look what we found along the way!"

Their goal was far too ambitious, but it did cause them to dig. And that is what a goal is for—to cause us to move in the direction we have chosen, in other words, to set us to digging!

But not every goal will be fully achieved. Not every job will end successfully. Not every relationship will endure. Not every hope will come to pass. Not every love will last. Not every endeavour will be completed. Not every dream will be realised.

But when you fall short of your aim, perhaps you can say, "Yes, but look at what I found along the way! Look at the wonderful things which have come into my life because I tried to do something!" It is in the digging that life is lived. And it is the joy in the journey that truly matters!

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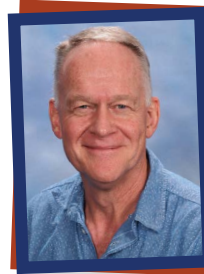
CONGRATULATIONS BILL GRIFFITHS

Receipt of Papal Honours

Congratulations to Dr Bill Griffiths, who many of you may remember as the Director of Catholic Education in Darwin from 1993 to 2007. Dr Griffiths, along with fellow Australian Greg Crafter, have been bestowed the rare and significant honour of being knighted into the Order of St Gregory the Great by Pope Francis for "outstanding service to the community over many years" (Adelaide Archbishop Patrick O'Regan).



FINANCE NEWS



Gary Ninneman
Finance Dept.

Discounts Available for Families with Multiple Children Enrolled in NT Catholic Schools

We would like to remind families with more than one child in Catholic Education in the NT (i.e. who will have more than one child in Catholic Education in the NT in 2021) to please provide us with a Sibling Discount form for 2021. Please download the form from the website, complete it and return it to us (Email: finance.mackillop@nt.catholic.edu.au) by early February 2021.

Kind regards

Gary Ninneman
Financial Services Officer for Families

ARTS NEWS

WICKED

THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE WITCHES OF OZ

HELPERS WANTED!

Parents, Family, Friends, Local Professionals

In the weeks leading up to the show, we are looking for people who can:

Sew/glue costumes

(and are available 3-5pm Wednesday 11th November)

On performance days, we are looking for people who can:

Do amazing things with hair and makeup

Help backstage

Assist with sound and lighting

PLEASE CONTACT MR DAVID GRAHAM OR MISS ZOE SIVOUR IF YOU CAN HELP.
PERFORMANCE DATES ARE THE 2ND, 3RD, 4TH & 5TH DEC. WITH MATINEES ON THE 3RD AND 4TH
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AVAILABLE ALL DATES, BUT THE MORE YOU CAN DO, THE BETTER!
IF YOU RUN A LOCAL BUSINESS IN ANY OF THE ABOVE FIELDS, WE ARE HAPPY TO DISCUSS
OPTIONS FOR PROMOTING YOUR WORK TO THE AUDIENCE AND WIDER COMMUNITY

NEW STAFF



Michael Cunningham
New Staff Member

Introducing Mr Michael Cunningham

Hi, I'm Michael Cunningham and I'm from England. I spent 15 years teaching English in China before coming to Darwin to study my Master of Teaching at CDU. I've joined MacKillop this term to teach English in years 7 and 8. I spend much of my free time with my wife and 2 kids. I also like to get creative, using my computer to make digital art. I'm looking forward to a good term 4.

Introducing Ms Carmen Potter

I am a Senior Experienced Teacher (SET) with Education Queensland. I have worked in numerous Indigenous Communities in The Gulf of Carpentaria and Far North Queensland plus other schools both in Queensland and the Northern Territory catering for students with a diverse range of learning styles. I will be supporting Mrs Van Heusden in Inclusion Support.

LIBRARY NEWS

Mackillop

Kyle and Kimberly have been the perfect couple all through high school, but when Kimberly breaks up with him on the night of their graduation party, Kyle's entire world upends - literally. Their car crashes and when he awakes, he has a brain injury. Kimberly is dead. And no one in his life could possibly understand. Until Marley. Marley is suffering from her own loss, a loss she thinks was her fault. As Kyle and Marley work to heal each other's wounds, their feelings for each other grow stronger. But Kyle can't shake the sense that he's headed for another crashing moment that will blow up his life just as he's started to put it back together. And he's right.



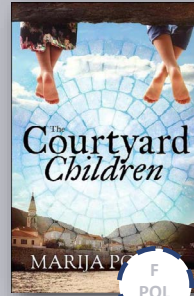
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Some of What's October New In the Library

Mileva Marinkovic was born into a family descended from resistance fighters and patriots. Ivanic was born into a family where love is earned, not given, and was branded early on as a troublemaker.

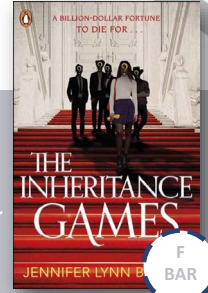
Despite conflicting upbringings, the two develop a formidable friendship. As they grow older, almost inevitably their attraction to one another transforms into a deep love and understanding. As they approach the turn of the 1990s they find themselves facing the collapse of their country.

Forced into opposing directions, circumstances lead to a tragic event that neither could foresee. Mileva struggles to make sense and salvage all that is left of the life and love she once had.



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Avery has a plan - keep her head down, work hard for a better future. Then an eccentric billionaire dies, leaving her almost his entire fortune. And no one, least of all Avery, knows why. Now she must move into the mansion she's inherited. It's filled with secrets and codes, and the old man's surviving relatives - a family hell-bent on discovering why Avery got 'their' money. Now there's only one rule - winner takes all. Soon she is caught in a deadly game that everyone in this strange family is playing. But just how far will they go to keep their fortune?



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Father Gerry Remie Centre

Library

Book Week Costumes



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ATSI NEWS



*Dear Parents and Special Guests,
you are warmly invited to join us for the*

SASH PRESENTATIONS

to our

**2020 ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
YEAR 12 GRADUANDS**

to be held in the Gunamidjindawa Room, MacKillop Catholic College

Tuesday 17th November 2020

5:30PM Drinks and Nibbles, 6PM Start

as an opportunity for cultural recognition of this significant milestone.

RSVP Jasen Bryers: jasen.bryers@nt.catholic.edu.au

*With sincere thanks for your valued support of our
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Communities.*



CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWS

Come and Listen!



"Do not be afraid, I will be with you until the end of time"

Catechesis for adults, couples, singles and teenagers

Monday and Thursday nights @ 7:30pm

Starting 28 September 2020

Palmerston Catholic Church
Corner of Emery Avenue, Harrison Court, Woodroffe

Babysitting available – contact Fr Tom 89323922

MACKILLOP NEWS

From Fr Tom

Catholic Church Palmerston
Corner of Emery Avenue and Harrison Ct

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace be with you.

You are invited to a series of meetings
on Monday and Thursday nights in the
meeting room of the Catholic Church in
Palmerston.

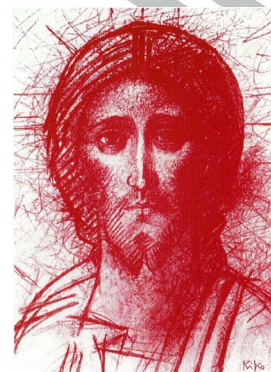
7:30pm. Come and listen to a good news
for your life.

Adults and Youth.

Childminding in adjoining room.

Fr Tom

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MODERN HISTORY NEWS

Modern History teacher Dr Tom Lewis will be participating in an international conference, lecturing on wargaming in teaching, in mid-November. The invitation follows his use of the technique in classes over the last four years.

Dr Lewis said the use of miniature soldiers, tanks, aircraft, vehicles, and warships, all combined on large tabletop games, created a sense of excitement in the students concerned which motivated their studies. "To be given a role as a tank commander in the Vietnam War," he said, "catapults the student into a role they have never had before, and immerses them in another world." This leads students to develop an interest in the field of study they otherwise would not have.

Students in Modern History at the school study the American Civil War – and its uses of cavalry, artillery, and infantry; the Vietnam War; World War II in the Pacific, and atomic conflict as exemplified by B-52 bombers, SAM systems, and fighter aircraft interception.



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SAINTS NEWS

Photos from Recent Rugby Games



TOP END SCHOOLS RUGBY

2020 DRAW
WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

9:00am	MacKillop 1 v MacKillop 2 U14
9:30am	Marrara v Taminmin U16
10:00am	MacKillop v Darwin High U16
10:30am	MacKillop 1 v MacKillop 2 U14
11:00am	MacKillop v Taminmin 1 U16
11:30am	Marrara v Darwin High U16
12:00pm	Taminmin v Darwin U16
12:30pm	Marrara v MacKillop U16
1:00pm	U14 Middle School Final
1:30pm	U16 Greg O'Mullane Shield Final

TO BE HELD AT SAINTS FIELD - MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Get into Local Rugby!

SAINTS

MACKILLOP Saints

PIRATES

HOME GAME AT SAINTS FIELD
Saturday 7th November 10AM
Come down and support our team!

YEARBOOK NEWS

Students of the Yearbook Class are busy on final preparations for the 2020 publication. It has been a long three terms plus on this project, which the year 8 students are completing as part of their English classes. At the early age of 14 or so, this class is preparing a real publication which will be part of 800+ students' lives for ever.

The Yearbook this year carries all Home Forms, special pages featuring years 12s and their lives so far, and the usual variety of reports from departments, teams, projects, and individuals. We managed to squeak through with the A3 poster size centrespread of the whole school - only a few weeks before taking the shot we were considering a drone overhead picture due to Covid 19 rules.

The Yearbook will be issued to all students in week 9.

Hollands PRINT

OTHER RECENT EVENTS

Student Leaders Meeting the Administrator



Students Making Mental Health Awareness Posters with the NET Team



Year 12 Presentation Night and Dinner



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mon 2 Nov Schools Rugby:
2020 Greg O'Mullane Shield**

Wed 4 Nov Nongkrong After School

Thu 5 Nov Rugby Training After School

Mon 9 Nov P&F Meeting 7pm

Rugby Training After School

Thu 12 Nov All Day Musical Rehearsal

Rugby Training After School

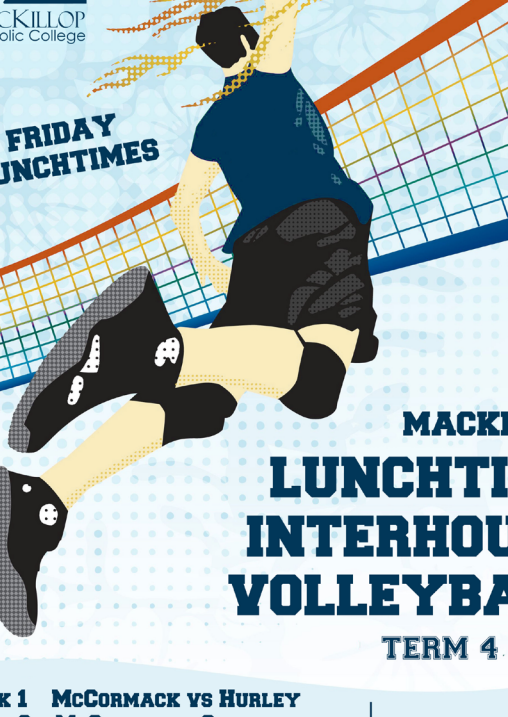
Fri 13 Nov All Day Musical Rehearsal

Sat 14 Nov All Day Musical Rehearsal

Mon 16 Nov Board Meeting 6pm

Rugby Training After School

Tue 17 Nov 5:30pm ATSI Sash Ceremony



**FRIDAY
LUNCHTIMES**

**MACKILLOP
LUNCHTIME
INTERHOUSE
VOLLEYBALL**

TERM 4 2020

WEEK 1	MCCORMACK VS HURLEY
WEEK 2	MCCRATH VS CONFALONIERI
WEEK 3	HURLEY VS MCCRATH
WEEK 4	MCCORMACK VS CONFALONIERI
WEEK 5	HURLEY VS CONFALONIERI
WEEK 6	MCCRATH VS MCCORMACK
GRAND FINAL - WEEK 7	

**SEE
Ms GALE
FOR MORE
INFORMATION**



Darwin Junior Touch Football Program

Manunda Terrace Primary
 Tuesday's Oct 13 to Nov 3, 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Sanderson Middle School
 Thursday's Oct 15 to Nov 5 3:30 - 4:30

DIVISION: 6 - 11 Years Old,
 12 - 17 Years Old

CONTACT: george.edols@touchfootball.com.au
 0413799126



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\$120.00 Per Child Per Camp

Camp 1 - Tuesday 22nd Dec & Wednesday 23rd Dec

Camp 2 - Tuesday 5th January & Wednesday 6th January 2021

Camp 3 - Tuesday 12th January & Wednesday 13th January 2021



Do you enjoy playing Minecraft? Do you like learning in fun ways? If your answer is yes and you are in Grade 3, 4, 5 or 6 then come join us in the school holidays for a 2day camp. No Minecraft experience necessary!

Venue: MALAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

8:30am -2:00pm

Camps are designed to:

- ✓ encourage collaboration
- ✓ develop social and communication skills
- ✓ engage kids in group problem solving environments
- ✓ be enormous fun
- ✓ be structured and offer Minecraft and real-life learning opportunities

As we have a limited number of places, please book your child's place to avoid disappointment. Bookings to be made via website only not through Malak School.

<https://www.wicksees.com.au/book-online>

Call Daniel 0412 144 404 for any questions

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**Phone**

0402500603



35 Kenbi Place, Rosebery
Booking is essential



NT STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION

Road Safety Week 15-22 November 2020



Hey kids, enter before
22 November to help raise
awareness about how to stay
safe on the roads.

Your creativity could see your design
driving around town on the back of a bus!
Plus \$50 movie vouchers up for grabs.*

*TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY

CATEGORY 1 - PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Choose from one of the below options for the chance to win one of 12 \$50 movie vouchers!*

- Option 1** Choose one of these road safety templates to colour in at www.buslink.com.au/art-competition:
Template 1 OR Template 2
-
- Option 2** Design an original image and/or slogan that communicates one of the following safety concerns for students when exiting a bus:
- (a) What should you do with mobiles and earphones/earbuds before you exit a bus?
- OR
- (b) After exiting a bus, when is it safe to cross the road? (*Hint: After the bus has moved away*).

CATEGORY 2 - MIDDLE / SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

Choose from one of the below options for the chance to win one of 12 \$50 movie vouchers.
The winning high school student design will also star on a bus!*

- Option 1** Design an original image and/or slogan that communicates one of the following safety concerns for students when exiting the bus:
- (a) What should you do with mobile phones and earphones/earbuds before you exit a bus?
- OR
- (b) After exiting a bus, when is it safe to cross the road? (*Hint: After the bus has moved away*).
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- Option 2** Design an original image and/or slogan that clearly communicates what you consider to be the most important bus safety rule.

How to enter? Follow the guidelines at
www.buslink.com.au/art-competition

Entry Guidelines

1. All entries must be received before **5pm ACST Sunday 22 November 2020**.
2. The competition is open to all students attending primary or middle/senior high school in the Northern Territory (NT). Prizes will be awarded across three defined areas: Darwin, Palmerston/Rural, and Regional NT (subject to the exceptions set out in the terms and conditions).
3. Entries must be in A4 portrait or landscape format.
4. Primary school category colouring in templates can be found at www.buslink.com.au/art-competition
5. Limited to one entry per student.
6. Artwork to be submitted via a digital or scanned file or photograph uploaded via the form at www.buslink.com.au/art-competition. All entries must be the student's original artwork. Entries may be drawn by hand and using a medium of the student's choice or digitally designed.
7. Students under 18 years of age must provide parent/guardian consent to participate.
8. The overall winning design in the original artwork category for middle/senior high school students will appear on the rear of a school bus. The original artwork must be surrendered by the winning entry in order to participate in the major bus artwork prize and the winning entrant must surrender their intellectual property rights in the artwork in accordance with the terms and conditions.
9. The total prize pool comprises 12 movie vouchers valued at \$50 each for use at participating cinemas.
10. One \$50 movie voucher will be awarded to each of the first and second placegetters in each of the two categories (primary school and middle/senior high school) for students located within the three defined areas: Darwin, Palmerston/Rural, and Regional NT.
11. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation delivered by email.
12. Winners and placegetters will be determined by a judging panel. The judging panel is comprised of representatives of Buslink, the NT Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and the NT Department of Education. Winners and runners-up will be announced on Monday 30 November 2020 on the Buslink website and Toward Zero Facebook page.
13. Buslink and its related entities are committed to responsible privacy practices as outlined in Buslink's Privacy Policy available at <https://buslink.com.au/privacy/>
14. View full Terms and Conditions at www.buslink.com.au/art-competition

