



MACKILLOP NEWS

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



Sherri Bryers
ATSI Support Team
Coordinator

SPEECH BY MRS SHERRI BRYERS AT OUR ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER GRADUATE SASH CEREMONY

Good afternoon to our special guests, families, teachers, future graduates and students.

I too would like to pay my respect also to the Larrakia Elders, both past, present and emerging.

My name is Sherri Bryers, my family is from Boigu Island, of the Torres Straits, and Wathuthi tribe in Shelburne Bay, Far North Queensland. I would not of course be here today if I also did not recognize and pay respect to my father and his ancestors. His family traveled here both as free settlers and convicts from England.

I would like to also acknowledge the hard work of the Aboriginal and Islander Education Team for tonight, Roy Levers, Jasen Bryers, Nadine Ives and Paula Mellious who is currently on maternity leave. Their assistance they have given to every student working towards graduation has been awesome. If we could all put our hands together tonight thanking them for their dedication to our graduating students of 2020.

Tonight, I want to talk to the graduating class about elevators. Elevators or lifts, as they are commonly called, is a form of vertical transport used primarily to move between multiple floors found in high-rises and skyscrapers. These are used to transport both people and goods from one floor to another. Without elevators we use stairs, long, time consuming things that test your physical ability and stamina. In fact, if elevators were not invented and I wanted to go to the 40 floor, I'm unsure if I could or would go. Hence the convenience of elevators. It revolutionized the building industry allowing buildings to be built taller, allowing everyone the ability to go up and down with ease.

When I look back on my life I can see where I was able to use an elevator and other times forced to use the stairs. I have been very blessed that the elevators in my life have been left at points in time where I can use them. I will give you two examples.

My first elevator example was starting University. I was struggling with essay writing, I was never taught how to do Harvard Referencing or marking rubrics or had a computer. I grew up in Alice Springs so seeing a two-story building of books was extremely overwhelming. Did you now that it is a requirement that all Australian Universities have support units for Aboriginal and Islander students? Because of this I was able to access a tutor, computer, free printing and a friendship group to support each other. My university offered an orientation day, just for Aboriginal and Islander students, we met soon to be graduates, they gave us tours, we spent time with the local Elders who inspired us. I never have been prouder to be an Aboriginal and Islander person than when I was at University and within this safe zone of culture. This was my first elevator, it would have been a long flight of stairs if this was not set up for me, set up by others who knew how challenging this learning environment can be.

My second example of when I was given an elevator was actually at this College. Our School Principal years ago appreciated and supported the vision I had for Aboriginal and Islander Education within the College. With her full support, I was able to set up the Aboriginal and Islander Education Worker Unit, she sent my way the opportunity to develop and implement the Reconciliation Action Plan here at the College and many other projects. This Sash Presentation here tonight is one of the projects she fully supported. What has been accomplished in 7 years here is only because we were not forced to walk the stairs. Imagine, there are Secondary facilities all across Australia right now that are still fighting for these

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

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YOUNG CARER AWARD

aspects of recognition within their schools.

This is my last year at MacKillop Catholic College. Next year I start a new chapter at the Catholic Education Office as the Manager of Aboriginal and Islander Education. Without the elevators in my life, I would not be able to be step into a new job role such as this.

I would like to think that I have left some elevators here for our students in the future. Firstly, the Gunnamitjindawa Room where our students and families have a place to call their own, The Sash Presentation, an event where we can share our cultures successes, and a trained Aboriginal and Islander Education Team, to assist our students when education sometimes throws stairs at them.

My challenge last year to the graduates was to go forth and improve our numbers entering our workforce. We need more doctors, allied Health Workers, Teachers, Nurses, Social Workers, Police, Lawyers, CEOs in all industries. My challenge for this graduating class is to know when you are being given an elevator in life and take it. Then whenever it is possible, ensure you also set up a thank you elevator so others may benefit from where you have travelled.

May you all have a fantastic graduating week and I look forward to seeing the wonderful things that your future will bring.

Sherri Bryers
ATSI Support Team Coordinator



Congratulations Khalehla

Congratulations to Khalehla Cartwright who was a Semi-Finalist for the Young Carer category of the Northern Territory Young Achiever's Awards. Khalehla was nominated for her voluntary work with disability assistance.



FROM THE COLLEGE BOARD



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

It is with a heavy heart that the Board acknowledges the resignation of our beloved MCC founding principal; Mrs Laurretta Graham.

Under Laurretta's courageous leadership MacKillop was built. Starting from a bare piece of land with no students into creating a preferred educational facility for the Palmerston Region. Over 800 students are enrolled for 2021!

Words will never be able to translate such a work of achievement and will never accurately describe the devotion and dedication Laurretta has put into 10 years of creating MCC. The personal sacrifices made by her and her family in service to MCC.

In many ways Laurretta has been the "mother" of our College. Not only creating an outstanding educational institution but also giving life to our faith community; now so deeply embedded in MCC.

Laurretta nurtured the College and all connected; based on the values of Inclusivity, Integrity, Respect, Compassion and Courage.

As parents and carers we raise our children to flourish and become independent. Laurretta knew the time had come to let "her" MCC grow further without her guidance.

It is time for Lauretta to create a new "child" in forming the future Newman Catholic College in Cairns. But more important; time for her to finally be with her own children and grandchildren.

I know how much she will miss MCC including staff, families but most of all "her" kids. Each and every student. And all of us in MCC will miss her dearly and at times feel her absence. She will leave big shoes to fill. As a educational leader but far more as the "mother" she has been for all.

Lauretta has shown us what can be accomplished by leading with true courage.

We wish her many blessings in her new endeavours.

I want to wish our Community a safe and merry festive season. With blessings from my family to yours.

With warm regards,

Amber Stevens
College Board Chairperson

ARTS NEWS



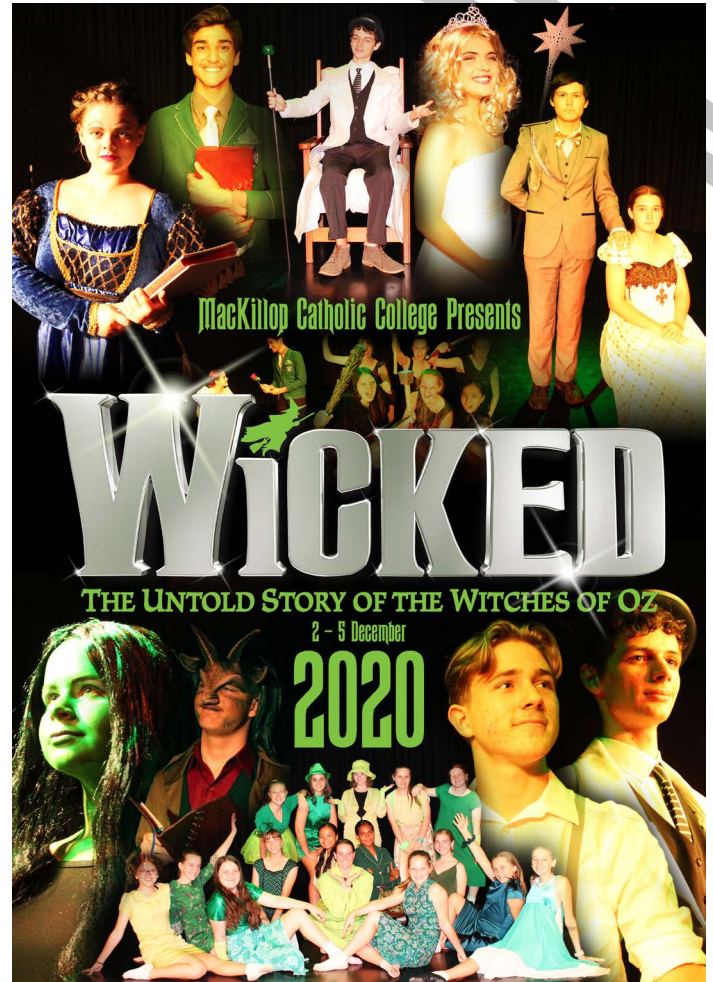
Mandy Mattison
Dance and Drama
Coordinator

Dance & Drama News

Thank you to Anastasia Andreykina for teaching our Year 07 World Dance elective class some Russian Dance in week 5. (Picture attached.)

Christiaan Westerveld is an actor and writer, known for DC's Legends of Tomorrow (2016), The Man in the High Castle (2015) and The Flash (2014). Our Year 08, 09 and 10 Drama elective classes and Musical cast have had the privilege of working with Christiaan over the last couple of weeks.

We thank him very much for his time, knowledge and expertise.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Year 9 students Grace Rooney, Arthur Lewis, Isabella Pena and Aaron Rafferty are the winners of the 2020 year 9-10 scholarships.

Every year the College awards four scholarships to help dedicated students who will be in year 10 – next year. Recipients are given a 50% discount on their tuition fees for their year 10 enrolment at MCC.

Scholarship recipients must:

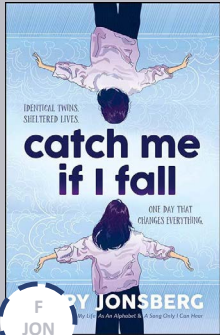
- Be enrolled for at least semester two in their year 9 at MCC
- Demonstrate an outstanding achievement in at least 50% of their subject results for their year 9
- Demonstrate outstanding achievement in their good standing within College life for their year 9

Congratulations to the 2020 winners from the Principal, staff, and students of the College, and good luck for years 10-12.



LIBRARY NEWS

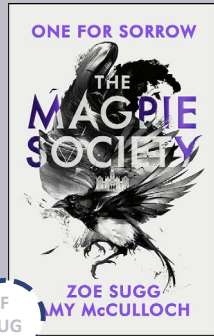
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Ash and Aiden Delatour are twins, living a privileged lifestyle with loving parents. In a world that has fallen apart at the seams, they want for nothing. All they have to do is be there for each other, no matter what.

But after Aiden suffers a terrible injury, he isn't the same brother Ash always relied on. Something has changed, and it will lead to a discovery that will turn their whole world upside down.

Some of What's November NEW In the Library



Illumen Hall is a boarding school of tradition and achievement. But tragedy strikes when the body of a girl, a student, is discovered - on her back is an elaborate tattoo of a magpie. For new student Audrey, it is just another strange and unsettling thing about her new surroundings. And for her roommate Ivy, well, she's just annoyed she has to share with the new girl from America. As an unlikely friendship develops, the two are drawn deeper into the mystery of this strange and terrible murder.



When the Russian Army marches into East Prussia at the end of the war, the Wolf family must flee. Liesl, Otto and their baby sister Mia find themselves lost and alone, in a blizzard, in the middle of a war zone. Liesl has promised Mama that she will keep her brother and sister safe. But sometimes, to survive, you have to do bad things.

Father Gerry Remie Centre



**Bussy's
Corner**



Hello Students and Families

Buslink are encouraging ALL students in the NT to jump on board this fun Design Competition and share your talent!!

Who knows.....it could be your design travelling around Darwin on the back of a bus!!

How to enter? Go to www.buslink.com.au/art-competition

Be quick, entries close 22nd November



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.*

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

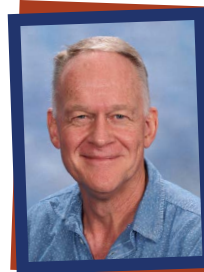
Choose from one of the below options for the chance to win one of 12 \$50 movie vouchers. The winning high school student design will also star on a bus!*

- Option 1** Design an original image and/or slogan that communicates one of the following safety concerns for students when exiting a 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).
- 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

In partnership with NT Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and the NT Department of Education

FINANCE NEWS



Gary Ninneman
Finance Officer - Families

The Finance team wishes to convey our gratitude to parents and guardians who are continuously making sure that their fees and levies are paid on time and payment arrangement honoured. This enables the college to provide high quality learning and proper environment for students. The fee statements are sent regularly and serves as a record of all transactions that the family conducts with the school. Kindly review the statement and in case of any discrepancies, please refer it back to our finance team.

School fees for this year are Overdue and families should be finalising the payments unless a payment arrangement with the college is in effect. If you will not be able to finalise your fees by the end of Term 4 and there is no payment arrangement in place, please contact us for an appointment before the beginning of 2021 school year.

All outstanding school books (Especially for Year 12's) have been charged to the fees accounts and the charges are removed once the books are handed back to the Library. Any other charges (Such as music lessons, rugby league) are charged separately. The statements for these charges will be sent out this week. If you have changed your contact details such as mobile phone number, residential/postal address or email address, please contact the College as soon as possible so we can update your records.

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

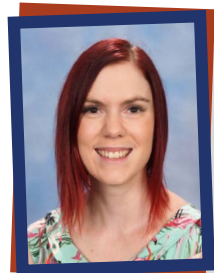
Please include your family reference when making payment so we can allocate all monies to correct account. For all queries pertaining to school fees, please call 8930 5716 or email finance.mackillop@nt.catholic.edu.au

Gary Ninneman
Finance Officer - Families

Japanese Speech Contest Winners



LANGUAGES NEWS



Candice Slingerland
Languages Coordinator

Orientation Day

The Languages Faculty were excited to share cultural activities with the incoming Year 7s 2021 on their 'Shake It, Make It, Bake It' Orientation Day. Students made Chinese Lucky Knots, Japanese Samurai Hats and Indonesian Batik. They further enhanced their marshmallow satay skills and chopstick skills. Lots of fun was had and we look forward to more fun times in 2021.



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REMEMBRANCE DAY

From Mrs Wendy James OAM

Many thanks for inviting Earl and me to be part of the very successful Remembrance Day held at your school last Wednesday.

It was a huge undertaking, impressive and memorable that ran smoothly with no problems (that I could see). I was very pleased to be included in the program and Earl was most impressed at the organisation and the amazing well behaved students.

We both enjoyed morning tea with our student hosts who seemed to enjoy meeting and talking to us as much as we were with them.

Best wishes,
Wendy

Mrs James' Remembrance Day Speech

Good morning everyone,

I am honoured to be invited to this special occasion to cellmate Remembrance Day. To honour and remember the men who fought and died in two world wars many years ago in countries on the other side of the world, to keep us safe.

The fields in Europe, where so many soldiers died, is the place where beautiful red poppies grow, the flowers, so simple and beautiful, became a worldwide symbol of Remembrance. They remind us of the bravery and sacrifice of those who died on those fields so long ago. We are fortunate to live in a peaceful country, and especially in Darwin, I can say that because I have lived here for over 80 years and admit to a little bias.

When war threatened invasion of our small town in 1942 soldiers in uniform filled our streets, search lights flooded our skies and all women and children were evacuated to southern states leaving behind fathers, brothers and uncles who we did not see again until the war ended in 1945. These civilian men built facilities for use by the frontline Darwin troops and airmen who bravely defended our nation for three years when heavily attacked by a foreign power. We still remember them.

Australia is again being invaded, this time by a virus, COVID-19. Once again we rely on our army, but this time it is our medical support, doctors and nurses, who, in their uniforms, put their lives on the line in hospitals around the country. We will always remember them.

I look forward to the day when the world and all its people can breathe a sigh of relief, when the alarms stop and the clear signal tells us that the virus has been conquered and once again we can live in peace.

Wendy James OAM



SAINTS NEWS

Greg O'Mullane Shield

On the 4th of November MacKillop hosted the revival of School's Rugby in the Northern Territory - The Greg O'Mullane Shield. The day went very well with schools from all over Darwin and surrounds coming to compete in a round robin event.

Congratulations Marrara for being champions on the day!



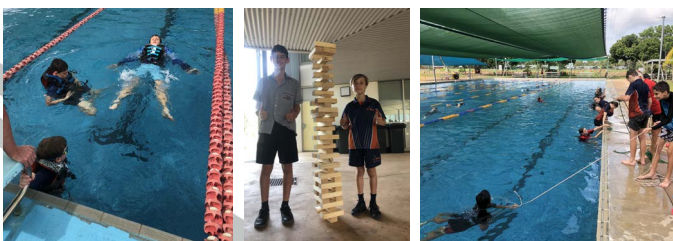
SPORTS NEWS

Sporting Heroes Award Winners 2020



Year 7 and 8 Swimming

This term Year 7 and 8 students are participating in a swimming and water safety unit. Congratulations to students in 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 8.1, 8.2, 8.4 and 8.5 who completed their courses last week. When students are not at the pool they are participating in volleyball lesson coached by Volleyball NT and a range of recreational, teamwork and leadership activities.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 25 - Sat 28 Nov All Day Musical Rehearsals

Wed 2 - Sat 5 Nov Wicked Shows

Mon 7 Dec Middle Years Awards Presentation

P&F Assoc. Meeting

Wed 9 Dec Senior Years Awards Presentation

Wed 16 Dec Middle Years Activity Day

Thu 17 Dec Last Day of school for 2020

**Fri 18 December 2020 - Thu 28 January 2021
Christmas Holidays**

Fri 29 January 2021 First Day of Term 1, 2021

eSafetyeducation

2021

Online safety webinars for your parent and carer community

The education team at eSafety has been working on a new free webinar series for parents and carers, to be delivered live in 2021.

The demand for our popular parent and carer webinars in 2020 prompted us to develop the 2021 series to support school communities.

Each term, we will offer a new topic that will run numerous times. These webinars will provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe, positive online experiences. This is especially important in an era when we are all online more than ever before.

The Term 1 webinar topic is **eSafety's guide to cyberbullying and online drama**. This will be offered five times over the term. We will let you know when the topics for the following terms are announced.

Attached is eSafety's 2021 webinar schedule. We would be grateful if you could note the dates as you start planning the year ahead, then advertise them in 2021 through your communication channels with parents and carers.

Thank you in advance for your support. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Lucy Kimpton

Senior Outreach Coordinator

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Online safety webinars for parents and carers

Free, live webinars providing parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe and positive online experiences.

Limited spaces available!

Visit: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars to find more information.

Register now: register.gotowebinar.com/rt/2898435107213971215

Term 1

Topic: eSafety's guide to cyberbullying and online drama

Dates:

Safer Internet Day

9 February 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
10 February 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
10 February 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
15 February 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

22 March 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Term 2

Topic: To be confirmed

Dates:

4 May 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
5 May 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
6 May 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Term 3

Topic: To be confirmed

Dates:

28 July 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
29 July 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Child Protection Week

7 September 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
9 September 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Term 4

Topic: To be confirmed

Dates:

19 October 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
20 October 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
21 October 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm