



# MACKILLOP NEWS

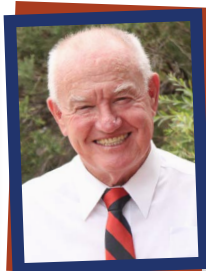
TERM 1 WEEK 2 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

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



Peter Moloney  
Principal

### Dear Families of MacKillop Catholic College,

My name is Peter Moloney. I am from Warwick in Queensland, and I retired from full time teaching, and the Principalship of Assumption College, Warwick, in 2015. Since then, I have taken on the role of Acting Principal for a number of short-term appointments. I have been appointed to the role as Principal of MacKillop Catholic College for Semester One 2021 only. The intention of this short-term appointment is to allow Northern Territory Catholic Education time to implement a process to appoint a new Principal for the coming decade. It is intended that advertising for this position will occur leading up to Easter, with the appointment being confirmed during Term 2.

When I spoke at our first full school Assembly only one week ago, I made a couple of very simple points. The first was that I wanted every student to have the opportunity to achieve their dreams, or goals, in life. Whether they achieve it or not is up to them. We as staff cannot do the work for our students. We can make sure we 'put the pen' in their hand, but we cannot make them write, but by good teaching, we can provide the opportunity for our students to succeed. In my short time here, I have observed enough to respect enormously the effort that our staff make to track, support, encourage and cajole every individual student to achieve. In fact, it has been the most outstanding impression I have of the College to date.

My other comment to the students and staff last Wednesday, was that I wanted our students to feel safe at the College. To put it bluntly, if students do not feel safe at school, then parents will not enrol their children at the College. It is no more simple, or no more complex, than that.

I can't help but notice that the College is keen on its Rugby codes. Wayne Bennett is on the record as saying that Rugby League is a simple game. I tend to think that this applies to schools as well. If we get the basics right, then the rewards will follow. We can add a lot of frills, but if we don't provide a safe environment for our students, and if we do not provide good teaching in a respectful environment to our students, then we are in strife. Jesus preached in the Galilee a message of love of neighbour and forgiveness. The central theme of his preaching was one of compassion. We are a Catholic College. I would like to think that we also reflect the Jesus story. And not that of the Roman oppressors of his day.

*Peter Moloney*  
Principal

## A NOTE ABOUT AFTER SCHOOL PICKUPS

In 2021 MacKillop is operating at full capacity - around 800 students. We are working with council to expand the capacity of our parking and dropoff facilities, which are constantly getting busier. You may have noticed that there has been an increase in congestion on the roads into our College in the afternoons, including Lambrick Avenue, Farrar Blvd and MacKillop Court. Whilst solutions are being sought, please consider options such as making use of the school bus services if possible, car pooling, walking or biking to school, or doing pickup 10-20 minutes later to avoid peak hour.

## 2021 STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to leadership positions for 2021:

### Captains

Idelle Bolwell  
Blaise Periera  
Elijah Bamford-Brice  
Cameron Dickman

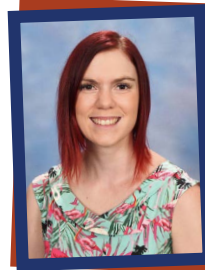
### Prefects

Lillee Yewsang  
Kho Mearns  
Kelsie Pietsch



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - PASTORAL CARE

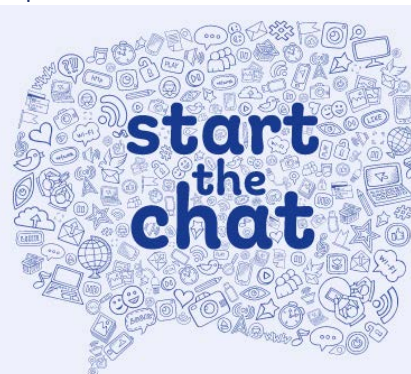
### Safer Internet Day



**Candice Slingerland**  
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Care

Welcome back to the 2021 school year. We have many activities and celebrations this term. This week sees us not only celebrating our College's Opening Mass, but also 'Safer Internet Day'. As our lives deeply rely on the use of the internet, on 'Safer Internet Day' the world comes together with a shared vision of making online experiences better for everyone. This week MCC students have been exploring in Pastoral Care lessons the concept of 'Starting the Chat' to work toward safer internet practices. The resources that we have used in classes this week have been provided by eSafety (<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/events/safer-internet-day-2021>). They also offer webinars, tips and resources for parents and carers that help talk about online issues and the best strategies for staying safe. We look forward to working with families in an endeavour to help everyone feel safer online.

**Candice Slingerland**  
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Care



## COLLEGE PHONE ISSUE

Dear Families,

We are currently experiencing technical issues with our absentee / Front Office phone line. We are aware of this and we are working with IT to have this issue rectified. In the meantime if you experience any issues getting through to the school please don't hesitate in contacting our direct front office lines. Please ensure you leave a message if your call is not answered, phone messages are checked through the day. We thank you for your patience in this matter.

Karlie: 08 8930 5718 (Front Office / Absentees / Student Services)  
Kim: 08 8930 5702 (Absentees / Student Services / General Enquires)  
Olivia: 08 8930 5708 (Enrolment Enquires / General Enquires / Payments)

**Olivia Lynch**

Visitor Receptionist/Enrolment Officer

## PHOTO DAY



"Say Cheese"



**MSP Photography  
are on their way!!!**

**School Photo Day is:**

.....Wednesday 24th Feb.....

**Have your child's school memories  
captured forever.**

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP payment envelopes & remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other – You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Use the Shootkey on your envelope to order online!
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given – cash, cheques and money orders only. Credit card payments can only be made online.

Please feel free to visit our web site  
[www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)

For photo enquiries Phone: (08) 8132 1148 or Email: [enquiries.adl@msp.com.au](mailto:enquiries.adl@msp.com.au)

## WHS NEWS

A reminder that every student should have a water bottle to avoid using the bubblers as much as possible in line with COVID best practice.

**Rachel Griffen**

WHS Officer

*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*



## CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWS

### Opening Mass 2021

On Tuesday we celebrated our Opening Mass for 2021. It was our pleasure to host special guests Bishop Charles, Fr Tom, our MLA Ms Lia Finocchiaro, Federal Representative Mr Luke Gosling OAM, Principals of our associated primary schools, Director of Catholic Education NT Mr Greg O'Mullane, Sister Catherine Mead RSJ and other representatives of the Catholic Education Office, Board Chairperson Ms Amber Stevens, and parents and friends of the MacKillop community. This is also the occasion where we traditionally announce the Senior Dux of the previous year. We are proud to announce that the Dux of 2020 is the very deserving James Healy and the 2020 All Rounder is Idelle Bolwell. Also well done to our new student leadership team on doing an excellent job hosting their first major function for the year.



James Healy, 2020 Dux



Idelle Bolwell, 2020 All Rounder, being presented her award by Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA

### Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

# SHROVE Tuesday



**16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

*© Block covered area near Inclusion Support*

*2 Pancakes, Cream, Maple Syrup / Honey & Orange Juice*

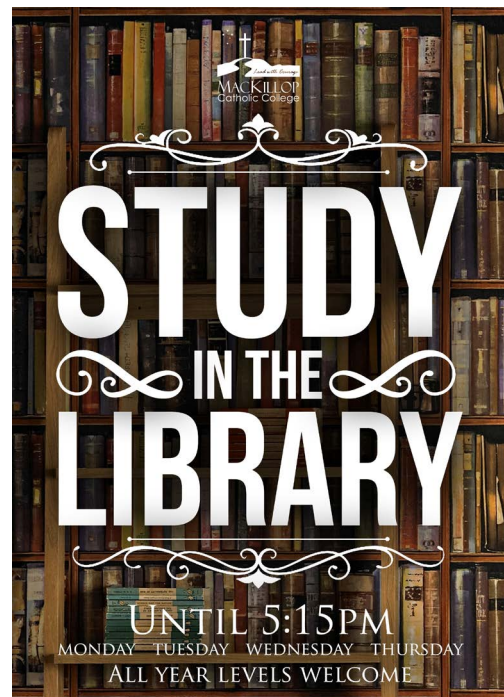
*Gold Coin Donation to Your Homeform Teacher*



### Ash Wednesday

Our Ash Wednesday service will take place on Wednesday 17 February.

## LIBRARY NEWS





## FINANCE NEWS



**Amos Wachira**  
Business Manager

A warm welcome to all new families and welcome back to all existing families. Thank you for your support in 2020; I look forward to forging a strong and positive partnership in 2021.

The first fees statement for 2021 will be issued latest by Week 4, Term 1. It will include charges for tuition fees, student levies, family levies and IT Resources fees. Electives and excursion charges (if any) will be charged as the year progresses. The statement will be sent primarily by email; in case you do not receive it please get in touch with the finance team to update your details.

As per the terms of the Enrolment Agreement signed by all families, school fees are due in full by the end of Term One 2021. However, we allow families to spread the annual fees across the full school year by entering on a payment arrangement plan.

If you choose to pay via a payment schedule, please fill in the attached direct debit form or the credit card payment form and return to us. To ensure that you are meeting your obligations regarding fees, you are required to specify the frequency, method and amount of payments you would like to make toward your account to ensure your balance is nil by the end of the school year.

Please be aware that if your child is involved in extracurricular activities such as Music, Dance or Rugby or if they will be attending any interstate school trips then these will be invoiced separately to school fees and will not show on your family account. It is important that you use the references indicated on each invoice to ensure we allocate funds appropriately.

All families who have more than one student in Catholic Education in the NT are eligible for a sibling discount. To avail of this discount, a sibling discount form needs to be completed annually and sent to Finance for further processing. The discount will be applied on the fees by Week 8 of Term 1.

Back to School voucher forms are issued by the NT Government. The form are attached with this newsletter and must be used by the end of Term 1. These vouchers can be utilised against expenses such as uniforms and book lists. Any balances left over will be placed as a credit on family accounts in the beginning of Term II once all voucher information has been collated.

Below are the various payment methods you can use to pay your account:

- Cash, Cheque or Eftpos at the office
- BPay – your unique Biller Code & Reference number are listed on your statement
- Bank Transfer – from your bank to ours. Our bank details are as follows
 

Name of Account:	MacKillop Catholic College
BSB Number:	08 5933
Account Number:	396 042 505
Reference:	Family Reference
- Centrepay – Direct from your Centrelink payments

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at [finance.mackillop@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance.mackillop@nt.catholic.edu.au) or by phone (08) 89305716.

**Amos Wachira**  
Business Manager

## Sibling Discounts



**Gary Ninneman**  
Finance Officer - Families

To all Families who have more than one student in Catholic Education in the NT: You are reminded to please complete and submit a Sibling Discount Form to Finance as soon as possible. The form is attached and can also be downloaded here: [mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/fees](http://mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/fees) (bottom of the page).

Please submit the completed form to: [finance.mackillop@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance.mackillop@nt.catholic.edu.au)

Thank you.

Best regards,

**Gary Ninneman**

Finance Officer - Families

## IMMUNISATIONS

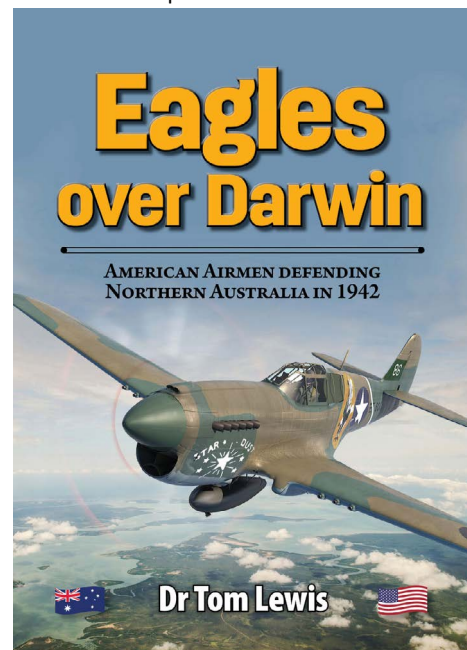


Our school will be involved in **B Part of It NT**, a study of the meningococcal B vaccine. All 14-19 year olds in the NT can take part. The licenced vaccine is safe and proven to protect against meningococcal B disease, a rare but very serious disease.

Consent forms will be coming home and must be signed by a parent/guardian if students wish to take part. For more information see: <https://bpartofitnt.com.au/>.

## MODERN HISTORY NEWS

Modern History teacher Dr Tom Lewis has published a new book: "Eagles over Darwin". There will be a book launch and signing at the wonderful The Bookshop Darwin (Smith Street Mall) on Saturday 20th February from 10am until 1pm.





## ARTS NEWS

### Dance News

#### Well Done Ashleigh

Congratulations to MacKillop Ballet star Ashleigh Gordon who was asked to perform for a film to play over the library to light the Christmas tree at Palmerston in the council's Christmas wonderland in Goyder Square.



#### 2021 Dance Troupe

Dance has started up again for 2021, under the leadership of Ms Brittany Dunk. See Ms Dunk to grab a sign up form, or fill it out via the MacKillop website.

## Music News

### Come and Try Music Days

Every day this week students have had the opportunity at lunch time to come and have a go playing a musical instrument.





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# MUSIC

## COME & TRY WEEK

INSTRUMENTS TO CHOOSE FROM:

DRUMS, VIOLIN, VIOLA, CELLO, FLUTE, GUITAR,  
UKULELE, TROMBONE, TRUMPET



### WEEK 2 TERM 1, 2021

MONDAY YEAR 7	TUESDAY YEAR 8
WEDNESDAY YEAR 9	THURSDAY YEAR 10
FRIDAY YEAR 11 & 12, & 7	

SEE MISS SIVIOUR FOR MORE INFORMATION





## CASTING CALL - AUSTRALIA

MALE & FEMALE  
14 – 17 YEARS OLD  
LEAD AND SUPPORTING ROLES

For a new drama series shooting from early 2021

## NO ACTING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

MaverIX is a show that centres around a motocross academy. Motocross training will be provided for successful candidates. Previous motocross experience is not essential, but advantageous.

Go to the link below for more details:  
[www.nathanilloyd.com.au/apply](http://www.nathanilloyd.com.au/apply)



Nathan Lloyd Casting has cast productions such as *The InBESTigators*, *Wentworth*, *Dance Academy*, *Upright & Little Lunch*.

# Palmerston Hobby Ceramics

**School vouchers are  
accepted here**

**Saturday classes 10-1pm**



# 2021 Extracurricular Performing Arts Opportunities at MacKillop

**Dance Troupe**  
Wednesdays 3:15pm - 4:30pm

**Orchestra**  
**Thursdays 3:15pm - 4:30pm**

**Choir**  
**Mondays 3:10pm - 4:10pm**

# Percussion Ensemble

## Friday Lunchtimes

**See Mrs Ezzy for more details about Orchestra, Choir or Percussion Ensemble,  
or if you are interested in learning to play a musical instrument.**

**See Ms Dunk if you would like to join the Junior or Senior MacKillop Dance Troupe.**



# MACKILLOP NEWS

# ART ANTICS

Weekly after school art classes at studio in Virginia

\$30 p/w  
(plus \$10  
term  
insurance)

Ages  
6+

Term  
begins  
8 Feb

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## SAINTS NEWS


## From the Director of Rugby League



## Matthew Sharp

Saints Vice President and  
Head of Rugby Codes

Rugby League and Rugby Union have always held an important place at MacKillop and will continue to do so into this new 2021 season.

 **Matthew Sharp**  
Saints Vice President and  
Head of Rugby Codes

Our u14s Boys Rugby Union team is currently competing in the local Friday night NTRU competition that will run until Week 5, with our u16s Boys Eels Cup campaign and our Junior Girls lunchtime competitions to begin following the conclusion of the NTRU rugby season in Week 6. With other fixtures currently being organised, it will be another busy but fun start to the year for the Saints.

This season we welcome our new assistant, Mr. Alex Mentink, into the Rugby Department. Alex has already established a great relationship with our Rugby Union players and is looking forward to working with our other sides as their 2021 campaigns begin.

This year we will be having a digital season launch and information session where families will be able to learn about our activities. The digital launch package will become available via our website - [www.mackillopsaints.com](http://www.mackillopsaints.com) - as well as on our Facebook and Instagram accounts in the weeks to come.

Our Saints Academies for both codes will be back this year. Students who have signed on will be able to participate in League during Term 2 and Union during Term 4. Students can pick up a sign-on



sheet from Mrs. Mills in the Music Room, at one of our information sessions to be held during Year Level Assemblies or via our Saints website.

**Matthew Sharp**

Saints Vice President and Head of Rugby Codes



JOIN YOUR MATES ON THE FIELD

**SIGN UP  
TODAY**

**SAINTS VS CROCS**

**12 FEBRUARY 2021**

**7PM - BE THERE BY 6:30PM**

**RUGBY PARK - MARRARA**

**SEE MR SHARP FOR DETAILS**

## Saints Basketball News

**2021 BASKETBALL TRAINING**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
MEET ON THE UNDERCOVER BASKETBALL COURT  
**3:15PM - 4:30PM**

**ALL WELCOME. COME ON DOWN!  
SEE MR JACKSON FOR MORE DETAILS**

## SPORT NEWS

**TERM 1 2021**

# MACKILLOP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Friday Lunchtimes



Week 2 McCormack vs Confalonieri

Week 3 Hurley vs McGrath

Week 4 McGrath vs McCormack

Week 5 Confalonieri vs Hurley

Week 6 Confalonieri vs McGrath

Week 7 McCormack vs Hurley

**Grand Final – Week 8**

SEE MS GALE FOR MORE INFORMATION

## Free Come and Try Day

*Want to give football a go?*



**Fun, Safe, Inclusive**  
Bring your friends and have a kick around.  
Football is a great way to get fit, learn new skills and make new friends.

**Saturday 27th February**  
9am – 12pm  
Darwin Football Stadium  
23 Abala Road Marrara

**Sausage sizzle**  
**Fun activities for the kids**

For More Information please email [admin@footballnt.com.au](mailto:admin@footballnt.com.au)

## Sports Vouchers

More than 250 local sport, cultural, drama and musical providers are part of the Territory Government's Sport Voucher program. The vouchers are available to every child enrolled in school from preschool to year 12, including home-schooled children.

Under the voucher scheme three programs are supported:

- Urban sport vouchers - Families with children enrolled in urban schools are entitled to a \$100 sport voucher each semester to help with the cost of their child participating in a chosen sport, active recreation or cultural activity.
- Remote sport vouchers - Under the remote program, regional

councils or Aboriginal corporations undertake remote community consultation to identify activity preferences. The NT Government then funds registered activity providers to deliver the programs to remote communities.

- Learn-to- swim - Provides children aged 0 to 5 years who are not enrolled in preschool or school with two \$100 vouchers each semester to assist in reducing the cost of participating in water safety programs.

For more information on the scheme visit [www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au/apply](http://www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au/apply).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fri 12 Feb**      **Interhouse Basketball  
Confalonieri vs McCormack**

**U14 Rugby vs Palmerston Crocs**

**Mon 15 Feb**      **Board Meeting - 6pm**

**Tue 16 Feb**      **Shrove Tuesday**

**Wed 17 Feb**      **Ash Wednesday**

**Fri 19 Feb**      **Interhouse Basketball  
McGrath vs Hurley**

**U14 Rugby vs Uni Pirates**

**Tue 23 Feb**      **Senior Years Info Night**

**Wed 24 Feb**      **School Photo Day**

**Thu 25 Feb**      **School Photo Day 2**

**Fri 26 Feb**      **Interhouse Basketball  
McGrath vs McCormack**

**U14 Rugby vs Casuarina Cougars**

**Tue 2 Mar**      **Cross Country**

**3-5 Mar**      **Year 12 Retreat**

**Thu 4 Mar**      **PARRS Touch**

**Fri 5 Mar**      **Interhouse Basketball  
Confalonieri vs Hurley**

**U14 Rugby vs Swampdogs -  
Final game for season.**

