



MACKILLOP NEWS

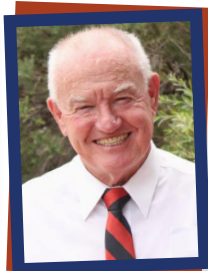
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*"Never see a need without trying
to do something about it"*
St. Mary MacKillop



Peter Moloney
Principal

Dear Families of MacKillop Catholic College,

I must admit from the outset that writing these newsletter articles each fortnight are not really my favourite task. For some people, writing eloquent words which flow easily on to page comes easily. I, unfortunately, am not one of those people. People seem to expect that you have these deep and meaningful words of wisdom to share, when in reality, I am just an ordinary person going about my job. When those eloquent words won't come, it is often just best to share what you are thinking.

Last night I played the part of an interested spectator when attending the Year 10, 11 and 12 Parent and Student SACE Information Night. The evening left me impressed on so many levels.

I was impressed, first of all, by the numbers present for the evening. Apart from a few empty seats right in the front couple of rows (and you wonder where the kids get it from!), it literally was standing room only in the Library – and it is a big Library. The interest shown by the parents and students was both heartening and encouraging.

I was impressed by the number of staff present last night – not surprised, but impressed. I have been here long enough now to realise how passionate and dedicated are our staff. I am witness on a daily basis to how caring and compassionate they are. Are we perfect – no. But I have been witness to the tears and frustrations following the behaviours of some of our younger students who have no idea how privileged they are to be able to access a quality education.

But what is one my most enduring impressions from last night was the efforts made by the College in following the interest and welfare of each individual student. Remember, I am new to the College, so I am continually filtering my impressions of the College. I really think that this caring of the individual has been my most enduring impression of MCC to date. I have gained an insight, for example, of the efforts made by Mr Fryckowski in tracking each individual student in the senior school to ensure they are on their chosen pathway to success. I have seen already the encouragement and concern he shows to each individual.

I was impressed when Ms Patricia Sweeney-Fawcett spoke on the options available through the RTO, VET and Flexible Learning. It really did bring home to me the amazingly broad spectrum of opportunities available to our students. Again, it emphasised to me the efforts of the College to meet the needs of each individual student.

I was impressed by the presentation of Mrs Wallis, the College's Well Being / Liaison / Child Protection Officer. Again, the interest was on the well being of the individuals under our care. I think my impression was how fortunate we are to have such a caring and compassionate person in such a caring role available to each of us within our community.

And the night went on, but sadly I have used up my allocated word limit. It is easy for us to get caught up in the negativity in the world around us. But sometimes, we just simply miss the forest for the trees. There is much to celebrate.

Peter Moloney
Principal

CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWS

Caritas Fundraising on Pancake Tuesday



Ash Wednesday Liturgy



First Communion in Palmerston Parish

Our Lady Help of Christians
CATHOLIC CHURCH PALMERSTON
 CORNER OF EMERY AVE & HARRISON CCT WOODROFFE

The candidates for
First Communion
will begin preparation

SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

The classes will be held every Sunday at 8am or 5pm,
 in the Meeting Room at the church.

If not baptised, both sacraments can
 take place at the same time.

Year 3 and above



For any further information please contact Father Tom
0424 971 017

CAFÉ NEWS

A reminder that students can get their food
 faster if they pre-order and get it from the
 outside window. Pre-orders can be done
 through the College website:

mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/canteen

FROM THE COLLEGE BOARD

Pickup/Dropoff Area

In the pickup/drop off area, there is only a 2 minute wait zone,
 parents/carers when picking up your children if they are not there
 within 2 minutes, we require you to drive out of the pickup zone and
 go back into the line. Where possible we would like pickups to be
 staggered i.e. pickup 5 minutes later or 10 minutes later, hopefully
 this will alleviate some of the congestion.

Rosalina Burrowes
 Board Secretary

LIBRARY NEWS

Mackillop

Some of What's February **New** In the Library

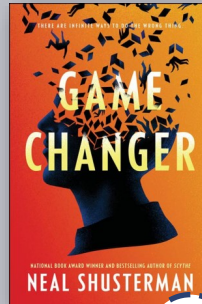


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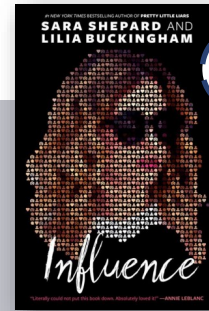
Ever felt anxious or alone? Like you don't belong anywhere? Like you're almost... invisible? Find your kindred spirits at The Sad Ghost Club. (You are not alone. Shhh. Pass it on.)

When one sad ghost, alone at a crowded party, spies another sad ghost across the room, they decide to leave together. What happens next changes everything. Because that night they start The Sad Ghost Club - a secret society for the anxious and alone, a club for people who think they don't belong. For fans of Heartstopper and Jennifer Niven, and for anyone who's ever felt invisible.

As a star player on his high school American football team, Ash is used to taking some hard hits. But that one run in his last game must have knocked him a little loose, because suddenly his life doesn't look quite the way he remembers it. As Ash bounces into worlds that are almost-but-not-really his own, he starts to question everything, including his own perceptions and place in his own reality. But can he even work out how to get back there?



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Delilah is Internet-famous, in LA and at the start of something incredible. Everything is going to change... but not necessarily in the way

she imagines. Jasmine is a child star turned media darling. Her selfies practically break Instagram. But if the world knew who Jasmine really was? Cancelled.

Fiona is everyone's best friend, always smiling. But on the inside? The girl's a hot mess. If they discovered her secret, it wouldn't just embarrass her: it would ruin her. Scarlet isn't just styled to perfection: she is perfection with a famous boyfriend and an online fan-base devouring her every move. But every perfect thing has a fatal flaw.

To everyone clicking and following, these girls are living the dream; but are they really?

Father Gerry Remie Centre

Library

ARTS NEWS

Well Done Elizabeth

Over the Christmas holidays Elizabeth Gordon from Year 8 went to Adelaide to compete in the Follow Your Dreams National Titles for Dance. She completed in three categories and got a fourth Placing in Hip Hop for the under 11s.



Textiles News

Stage 1 / Year 10 Textiles are starting the year by exploring traditional materials, techniques, designs and fashion. Student are proudly bringing their own personal heritages into the studio and applying a wealth of creative styles from across the years and around the world to their 21st century fashion ideas.



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

BOMBING OF DARWIN COMMEMORATION

Mackillop was represented last week at the Bombing of Darwin Commemoration by our four school captains: Idelle Bolwell, Elijah Bamford-Brice, Cameron Dickman and Blaise Pereira. The ABC interviewed Idelle and Blaise, along with Dr Tom Lewis, who as well as a staff member is a well-known military historian. Afterwards they all enjoyed a morning tea in Parliament House, where the students were able to view the remains of the Post Office, represented by a wall and a plaque where the PO took a direct hit on 19 February 1942. All up it was both an educational and an interesting first duty for our new captains for 2021.



16 Mile Camp Documentary

The ABC came out to film a piece on the 16 Mile Camp in commemoration of the anniversary of the bombing of Darwin. Our location at this important site forms a significant part of the identity of the College, with students learning about the history of the camp, and our motto, "Lead with Courage", being embodied by the soldiers who held the line here. History teacher Mr Clinton Bock and students Zoe and Ella spoke on camera as part of the documentary about the College's connection with the site. We will share it when it becomes available.



LANGUAGES NEWS



Candice Slingerland
Languages Coordinator

Asobi Krong

Expanding on the very successful concept of Nong Krong that has been here for the last few years (extracurricular hangout group for aficionados of Indonesian food and all things Indonesian), this year the activity will be expanding into "Asobi Krong", a portmanteau of "Hangout Group" in several languages, which will not just explore the language, culture and food of Indonesia, but also of China, Japan and France on a rotating basis. All are welcome to come along and try it out!

Candice Slingerland
Languages Coordinator



MODERN HISTORY NEWS



Dr Tom Lewis OAM
Modern History Teacher

Weapons Through the Ages

Year 9 Modern History students, who are attempting a course usually taken on by year 11 students, recently had a hands-on experience with centuries of weapons of war, courtesy of the Arms Collector' Association of the NT.

Four of their people - thanks Jared, Tony, Craig and Anne - joined teacher Dr Tom Lewis in covering almost 1000 years of technology in 1.5 hours. Students

progressed through each table of artefacts in chronological order in groups of five.

The History pupils began with bows and swords, and armour of the Crusaders, and progressed through pole-axes and plate armour to the age of gunpowder. There they handled muzzleloading firearms and moved on to breechloading single-shot muskets and rifles. The age of magazine-fed weapons such as the famous Lee-Enfield 303, used by Commonwealth troops in World War I, was joined by artillery ammunition and a selection of uniforms.

Teacher Dr Lewis said that he liked to motivate the students through their curiosity early in the course. "If they find themselves fascinated through handling real equipment," he said, "then they also find theory components interesting too."

To take advantage of the presentation, students from Ms Mae Campbell-Emerly's Year 8 SOSE also joined Dr Lewis's own Year 8s later in the day. They too examined the items on display over a double lesson.

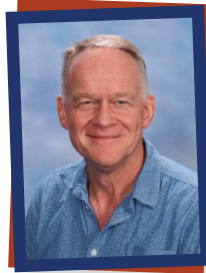
At the end of the day the most popular item was a 15th century bascinet helmet, which students could try on, and a 18th century blunderbuss. MCC extends sincere thanks to ACANT for a great learning opportunity.

Dr Tom Lewis OAM

Modern History Teacher



FINANCE NEWS



Gary Ninneman
Finance Officer - Families

Sibling Discounts

To all Families who have more than one student in Catholic Education in the NT:

You are reminded that if you have not yet provided us with your annual Sibling Discount Form, you will not have received the annual Tuition discount on your Family statement. Should you wish to receive the Tuition discount on your fees, you are again requested to please provide us with an updated Sibling Discount Form. The form can be downloaded

from the website here: <https://www.mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Fee-Discount-Form-v2.2-2018-DIGITAL.pdf>

Please submit the completed form to: finance.mackillop@nt.catholic.edu.au

Gary Ninneman
Finance Officer - Families

P&F ASSOC. NEWS

Special General Meeting

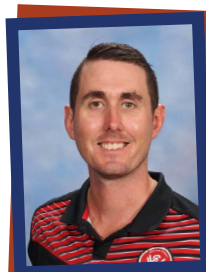
Mackillop P&F SGM Monday 1st March, 6.30pm, College Board Room.

This meeting is called to discuss the dissolution of the MCC P&F Association.

Regards,

Fiona Dunbar-Smith
Secretary - MacKillop Catholic College P&F Assoc.

SAINTS NEWS



Matthew Sharp
Saints Vice President and
Director of Rugby

From the Director of Rugby

The MacKillop Saints u14s Rugby Union team delivered their best performance of the season last week narrowly going down to the University Pirates by a lone conversion in a game that ended 38-36. Captain Koen Hughes scored a hatrick of tries while Nathaniel Brown and Player of the Match, Nate Jarrett-Wright also kept the scorers busy.

It was an important result for the team and for its players who are mostly in the infancy of their Union careers. The team will look to take this positive momentum into the final two rounds of the regular season against the Cougars and Swampdogs.

On a League front now, an expanded Eels Cup / Meg Ward Cup schedule has been announced for the 25th and 26th of March

for Boys and Girls respectively. In addition to the usual u16s competitions, an Opens division has been created as well as an u14s division in the girls competition. MacKillop will be entering teams in all division.

Our u16s Boys team are the defending Eels Cup state champions and will be looking for another strong showing in this tournament. The top two teams in the 16s Division for both genders will move on to play a grand final curtain raiser before the Eels vs Broncos NRL match on the 23rd of April.

Training for all squads will begin in the coming weeks. Students are advised to keep an eye on the daily notices for their training schedule.

Matthew Sharp
Saints Vice President and Director of Rugby



SCIENCE NEWS

Big Science Competition 2021

See Mr Joseph for more information.

big science competition

FREE ENTRY

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REGISTER YOURSELF NOW!
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AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE INNOVATIONS 35

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Y.I.W.S.A is a mentoring program offering a variety of opportunities - including:

- A STEM Camp for Year 8 students
- An opportunity to participate in the Creativity in Research, Engineering, Science and Technology (CREST) Awards
- A personalised plan that is tailored to your interests and goals
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- Regular online experiences where you will be able to talk to other students, Indigenous and non-Indigenous women working in STEM and students studying STEM at university
- Help to make sure you have access to the resources you need to finish high school and university
- Support to make decisions about school subjects and university courses

For more information or to apply:
Young Indigenous Women's STEM Academy
(07) 3833 5660 or yiwsa@csiro.au
<https://www.csiro.au/en/Education/Programs/Young-Indigenous-Womens-STEM-Academy>

SPORT NEWS


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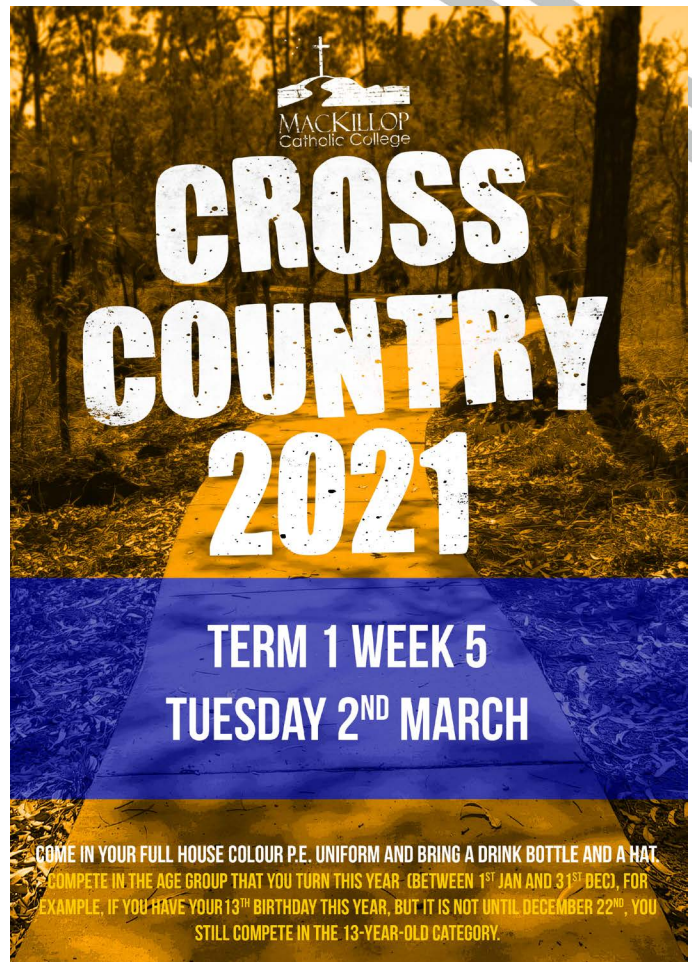
SportAnalytik is a program designed for children aged 5-16, using 9 simple and entertaining tests to identify their physical skills and natural talent. Test results are compared with individual sports requirements to recommend the right sport.

Our method was developed in cooperation with Charles University in Prague and already over 500 000 children have passed through the program in more than 20 countries.

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9.6 Parent satisfaction score on scale 1 to 10
66% children tried recommended sport

www.sportanalytik-nt.com.au



CROSS COUNTRY 2021

**TERM 1 WEEK 5
TUESDAY 2ND MARCH**

COME IN YOUR FULL HOUSE COLOUR P.E. UNIFORM AND BRING A DRINK BOTTLE AND A HAT.
COMPETE IN THE AGE GROUP THAT YOU TURN THIS YEAR (BETWEEN 1ST JAN AND 31ST DEC). FOR
EXAMPLE, IF YOU HAVE YOUR 13TH BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR, BUT IT IS NOT UNTIL DECEMBER 22ND, YOU
STILL COMPETE IN THE 13-YEAR-OLD CATEGORY.



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



GPUFC 2021 Season Sign On

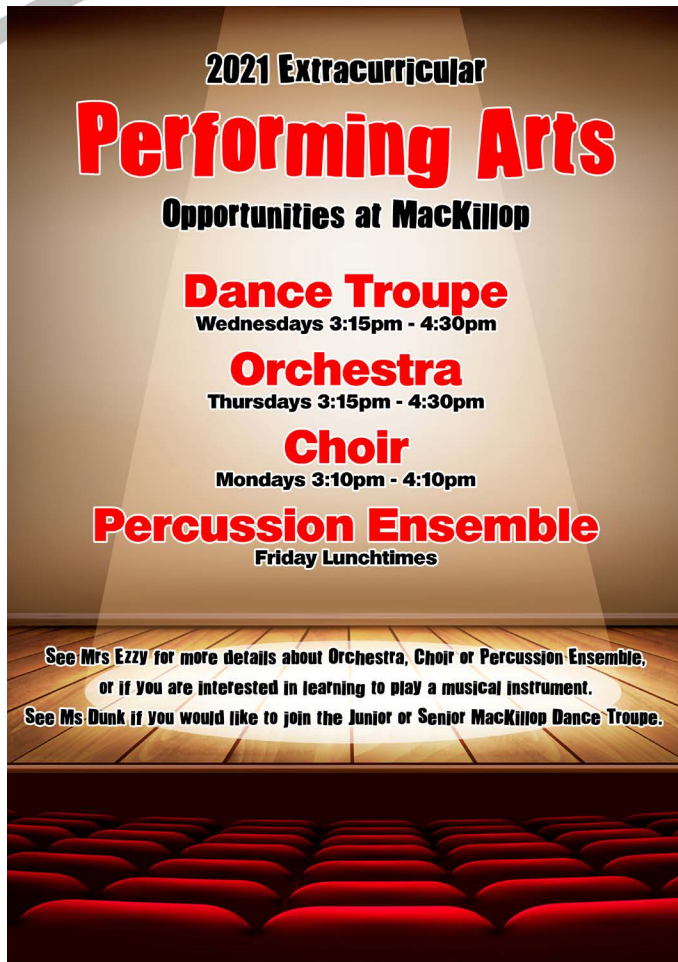
Missed our Sign On Day?
It's not too late to register!

New and Returning players welcome!
Register online: www.playfootball.com.au

2021 Registration Fees
5yrs - 11yrs: \$225
12yrs - 16yrs: \$275
Rego fee includes full GPUFC playing uniform

Sibling Discount:
2nd Sibling: 5% off
3rd Sibling: 10% off
4th Sibling: 15% off

Email: greaterpalmerston@gmail.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/GPUFCA



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.

their school/ community group and an individual prize of \$100 worth of art and craft supplies to the top 3 winners.

- All participants will be emailed an electronic Bunnings participation certificate week commencing 29 March, 2021

If you decide to participate, please leave me know the numbers so I can get the materials gathered for you to collect via email:

Palmerstonwhao@bunnings.com.au

You have an option to create on core flute, mdf board or a garden picket.

Leave your imagination roam and may the best creation win!

Uniform Shop Hours

Tuesday 8.15am – 9am

Friday 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Naidoc Week Poster Competition

Get your entries in for the 2021 National NAIDOC Poster Competition!

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists are invited to submit artworks for the 2021 National NAIDOC Poster Competition.

The winning artwork will collect a \$10,000 cash prize and used as the 2021 National NAIDOC Poster. Have your artwork seen and celebrated Australia-wide as the centerpiece to NAIDOC Week 2021!

This competition is a chance for talented artists aged 13 years and older to be recognised across Australia in celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and achievements.

Your artwork must reflect this year's National NAIDOC theme: **Heal Country!**

Heal Country! calls on all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction. Heal Country! also means finally resolving many of the outstanding injustices which impact on the lives of our people.

Find out more about the 2021 National NAIDOC theme

Poster entries close 5:00pm AEDT, Monday 08 March 2021.

More information - <https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/national-naidoc-poster-competition-entry-form>

LATE BREAKING NEWS

Vaccinations

Yr 7, Yr 9 & (Yr 10 Indigenous ONLY) families,

The free Vaccine program at MCC ROUND 1 will be on the 24th & 25th March.

The Vaccine forms are yet to be delivered to the College. Please keep an eye out for them in coming weeks and have them returned before the due date.

If you do not wish your child to have their vaccines at school, you will need to tick NO and return the form.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a rewarding opportunity that can go towards your ATAR. See Ms Roxy Claire if you are interested in participating.

Wheelchair NRL Gala Day

Senior Schools Gala Day will be held 4th March 2020.

See Mr. Sharp if you would like to sign up. You can create your own team, or join individually.

Anyone from 7 - 12 can play, male or female.

\$10 entry per player.

Bunnings Easter Art Show

Bunnings Easter Art show runs from Feb 16 – March 29, 2021

- All group entries need to be sent through no later than March 26, 2021 to Bunnings Palmerston Warehouse.
- Three (3) favourite entries will be notified week commencing 29th March 2021.
- Overall Winning Artist: will win \$250 Bunnings Gift voucher for

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.**