



MACKILLOP NEWS

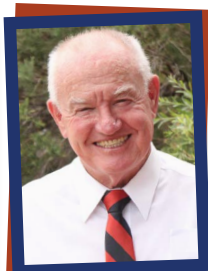
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*"Never see a need without trying
to do something about it"*
St. Mary MacKillop



Peter Moloney
Principal

Dear Families of MacKillop Catholic College,

Over these past weeks, leadership has been one of those constant themes that has been surfacing in many aspects of College life. On Monday, we celebrated the official induction of our College Leaders. This acknowledged not only our official College Senior Leaders, but also our Middle School Leaders and House Leaders.

One thing I have learned over the years is that leadership can come from anywhere. It does not come just from staff, or people in elected positions, or senior students. It comes from anywhere. And it comes often from the most unexpected sources. And to witness it in action is a very humbling experience.

Without going into too much detail, because I am sure the students involved would be terribly embarrassed if I mentioned their names etc, I had the opportunity to interact with two young Year 7 boys over an incident at school. In the context of school life, it was only a small incident, but the leadership and sense of responsibility demonstrated by those two young men was a genuine highlight for me. These were two young men, in their first year in 'high school', who stepped in when needed, demonstrated genuine care, concern and compassion, and helped sort a wrong. I could not help but be genuinely impressed – and humbled.

I reflect on these occasions how, in Primary school, we cultivate leadership in our young people. They become school leaders. They undertake genuine roles and responsibilities in leading their schools. Then they transition to a secondary environment, are the 'babies' in the 'high school', and have all those responsibilities and leadership roles taken from them. And get treated as though they are too young to carry out genuine roles of responsibility.

I repeat - leadership can come from anywhere, anytime, and by anyone.

For me though, the real issue is the type of leadership demonstrated. I have witnessed leadership in a negative sense. Our staff work incredibly hard. Never for one moment doubt that. Behaviour management in our classrooms is a genuine high priority. The ability of our students to be able to walk into a classroom and be able to learn is one of my highest priorities. I follow with deep interest the leaders who promote negative behaviours in our classrooms, and those who are the followers. We are very conscious of this issue, and work very hard with our young people to turn some of these behaviours around. But we expect to see change and a genuine attempt by these young people to change behaviours. I don't expect perfection, but I do expect our young people to try. If they are trying, we will support them. If not, then they are just using us.

I listened with genuine interest to the speeches given by our young people who applied for middle year leadership positions. I was genuinely interested in the theme of each of their speeches. If there was one theme I was seeking, it was that of 'service'. For me, leadership is not about a person beating their chest and saying how great and important they are. It is about service. With our Easter season approaching, there will be the opportunity to speak of servant leadership and the Jesus story.

But I want to finish on one final note. Leadership takes courage. To those young people who put their hands up and addressed the College Assembly as part of the process in nominating for Middle Years leadership positions, I want to say thank you and acknowledge your courage and bravery for standing up and applying for those positions. When I was your age, there was no way I would have had the courage to do what you did. There was no way I would have been able to get up in front of a large group of people and speak as you spoke. I was way too shy and introverted to even contemplate that. I admire your courage and bravery enormously.

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

First Communion in Palmerston Parish

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

Important dates for the 2021 First Communion Group

Classes each Sunday 8am or 5pm, followed by mass
 Note: No classes Easter Sunday

MASS TIMES

Saturday at 6pm, or Sunday at 8:30am or 6pm
 Participation in the mass after each class is an important aspect of the preparation for the sacrament. Students are encouraged to attend one of the weekend masses whenever possible.

Monday 19th April - 7pm
 Parent meeting in the parish meeting room

Thursday 22nd April - 7pm
 Celebration of the Second Rite of Reconciliation (Penance) in the church. All children and families encouraged to attend.

Thursday 4th June - 7pm
 Parent meeting in the parish meeting room. Practice of how to receive communion in the church for all children.

Celebration of the Sacrament
Saturday 5th June 6pm, or Sunday 6th June 8:30am

Year of Saint Joseph

A story shared by Mr Patrick Sibley. St. Joseph, the adoptive father of Jesus, was the role model after whom St. Mary MacKillop modelled the charism of the Josephite order which she founded.

Pope Francis has this year issued a decree launching a special year dedicated to St. Joseph coinciding the anniversary of his declaration as Patron of the Catholic Church, hailing him as a model of fatherhood and a key intercessor in modern times.

Published Dec. 8, on the 150th anniversary of Quemadmodum Deus by Pope Pius IX which declared St. Joseph patron of the Catholic Church, the decree formally instituted a year for St. Joseph, which will run until Dec. 8, 2021.

The document, signed by the head of the Vatican's Apostolic Penitentiary, Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, said the year would be an opportunity for faithful to follow St. Joseph's example and "daily strengthen their life of faith in full fulfillment of God's will."

"All faithful will thus have the opportunity to commit themselves, with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly Family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations which today afflict the contemporary world," it said.

In an apostolic letter issued Dec. 8 to coincide with the launch of the Year of St. Joseph, Pope Francis recalled Joseph's actions in the bible, noting that after the Virgin Mary, no other saint has been mentioned as frequently by popes.

Francis said the figure of St. Joseph has been on his mind in a particular way during the coronavirus pandemic, a crisis he said showed how "our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history."

People such as doctors and nurses, supermarket workers, caregivers, cleaning personnel and transport workers, as well as priests and public safety officials, he said, have understood amid COVID-19 that "no one is saved alone."

"How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer," he said.

With the backdrop of the pandemic, Francis said faithful can rediscover St. Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," as an intercessor and source of support and guidance.

Saint Joseph, he said, "reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all."

Pope Francis then offered a series of personal reflections on St. Joseph, focusing on different aspects of his fatherhood based on the bible and devotion to St. Joseph in the Church, describing him as a "beloved," "tender and loving," "obedient," "accepting," "creatively courageous," and "working" father, as well as a father "in the shadows."

Through his faith, Joseph, the pope said, teaches that God can work "even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses...that amid the tempests of life, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture."

Noting that Joseph was forced to flee to Egypt with Mary and Jesus because of King Herod's determination to find and kill the newborn messiah, Pope Francis said that because of this, he considers St. Joseph a patron for all those forced to flee their countries "because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty."

Francis also pointed to the fact that St. Joseph is often associated with work. At a time when so many have lost their jobs due to the coronavirus pandemic, St. Joseph, he said, can be an intercessor amid a crisis which the pope said, "should serve as a summons to review our priorities."

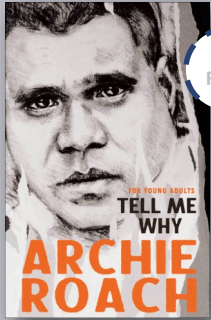
Full story available on cruxnow.com



LIBRARY NEWS

Mackillop

Some of What's New In the Library



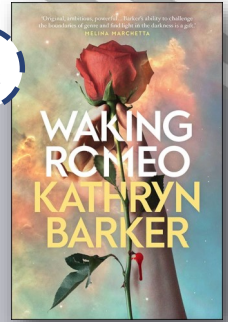
In his inspirational, highly

acclaimed memoir- and including reflections from First Nations Elders and young people - Archie Roach tells the story of his life and his music. Only two when he was forcibly removed from his family, and brought up by a series of foster parents until his early teens, Archie's world imploded when he received a letter that spoke of a life he had no memory of.

A handsome clockmaker fixes a broken time machine to help a cursed lady. A young scientist betrays his people to protect an alien species. A girl bonds with her new technological helper and sees in him a personality and a soul. A crew aboard a settlement spaceship discover that sleeping passengers have gone missing. A book of seventeen stories within which humanity is pushed to its limit and forced to question what is most important in life.



It's the end of the world. Literally. Time travel is possible, but only forwards. And only a handful of families choose to remain in the 'now', living off the scraps that were left behind. Among these are eighteen-year-old Juliet and the love of her life, Romeo. But things are far from rosy for Jules. Romeo is in a coma and she's estranged from her friends and family, dealing with the very real fallout of their wild romance. Then a handsome time traveller, Ellis, arrives with an important mission that makes Jules question everything she knows about life and love. Can Jules wake Romeo and rewrite her future?



Father Gerry Remie Centre

Library

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 FRONT OFFICE

Reminder that our College office opens Monday to Friday from 8am – 4pm.

Due to a high number of incoming calls to the office, we have made amendments to our phone system.

We have added an absentee line for families to leave an absent message where your child's absence will be updated.

Please contact the college on 89305757 and follow the available prompts to access other departments throughout the college.

Lost Property

We are over flowing with lost property & most of these items are not labelled.

Our lost property box is located at Student reception, please have a look through when you are next in the office.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - PASTORAL CARE



Candice Slingerland
Deputy Principal - Pastoral
Care

Dear Families,

We are already at the half way mark of Term One. Time is going so fast! There are a few activities going on within the school over the next few weeks, which we are excited about.

Monday of Week 6 will see out school leaders recognised and commissioned for 2021. We are excited to see the great work from the School Captains, House Leaders and SRC Representatives.

Week 7 will see us acknowledge and celebrate the National Day Against Bullying and Violence along with Harmony Day with a theme of "Everyone Belongs". You will hear some more information this week from your child's Year Level Coordinator about what activities are in store. Some of these include: Cultural Dress, The Sharing of Cultural Food, Cultural Music, Cultural Textiles and Paper Crafts as well as lunchtime games and activities. It will be a fun day for everyone involved.

We are looking forward to celebrating each other's culture and

building new friendships through this special day, to create a stronger community feeling.

We are also working toward same safer fun out in the sun. We have issued out new hats to students this year, so that everyone can be more sun safe within the school. Please ensure that your child has their name written in their new hat, to avoid it becoming lost.

Finally from a Pastoral Care perspective, we are looking to revamp our Pastoral Care programs within the college and we would love your feedback to include in this process. Please see the link below to share your thoughts as part of this review. The survey will close to parents on Friday March 19th.

surveymonkey.com/r/C3LC7YF

Thank you in advance for your input.

Candice Slingerland
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Care



ARTS NEWS

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 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 let 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!



Music Lesson Photos



LANGUAGES NEWS

Asobi Krong



Candice Slingerland
Languages Coordinator

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



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

Back to School Vouchers

We have had a number of enquiries regarding Back-to-School vouchers (BTSV). We would like to advise that we will be accounting for BTSV during Week 2 of Term 2. Thank you

Gary Ninneman
Finance Officer - Families

P&F ASSOC. NEWS

Dissolution of P&F

Dear Families,

At a Special General Meeting held on Monday 1 March, a decision was taken to dissolve the MacKillop Catholic College Parents and Friends Association. This decision was made on the basis of a lack of nominations being received for Executive Committee positions called for prior to the AGM and on the ongoing difficulty regarding family engagement at this point in time. The College Board has offered to form a sub-committee to continue fundraising and community engagement activities to benefit the MacKillop family.

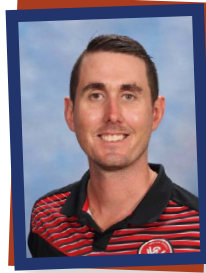
I would like to thank everyone who has supported the P&F Assoc. over its many years of enthusiastic endeavours in providing for our wonderful College families, students and staff. The results of these efforts have benefitted all.

With much gratitude,

Elizabeth Laughton
President - MacKillop Catholic College P&F Assoc.

SAINTS NEWS

From the Director of Rugby



Matthew Sharp
Saints Vice President and
Director of Rugby

The MacKillop Saints u14s Union team concluded it's first wet season competition in remarkable style, recording their first victory for the season against the Swampdogs. This team made largely of players new to the code built on a narrow 2 point loss to the second placed University Pirates a fortnight before to win 35 – 33 against their more experienced opponents. Union will recommence in Term 4 with all players new and existing invited to jump on board with this exciting new venture.

The focus of the Rugby Department now turns to the Eels Cup and the Meg Ward Cup to be held at TRL Stadium in Week 8. Teams who finish in the top two at these events will go on to play in the curtain raiser matches for the Eels vs Broncos NRL game to be held at TIO Stadium on the ANZAC weekend. Permission notes for these events will be distributed this week to selected players with more detailed information.

Matthew Sharp

Saints Vice President and Director of Rugby



Line Marking

Thanks Mr Paul Neuman for doing a great job keeping our home ground looking fantastic.



COME AND JOIN OUR CLUB!

NORTHERN SHARKS RUGBY LEAGUE

SEASON 2021

NORTHERN SHARKS
Rugby League Football Club

Serving Palmerston and surrounding areas
Mixed, female and male teams
Welcoming families to participate, support and enjoy rugby league

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PRE SEASON TRAINING-
MON AND WED
JUNIORS 5.30PM
SENIORS 6.30PM

FROM MONDAY MARCH 8TH

U16 MON & THURS 5PM (PALMERSTON COLLEGE)
U18 MON & THURS 5.30PM (PALMERSTON COLLEGE)

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Maths?

THEN THIS IS THE PROGRAM FOR YOU!

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
- Access to STEM camps and activities throughout high school
- Regular catch-ups with your Academic Coordinator or Student Advisor to make sure you're getting the support you need
- Work placements in STEM jobs
- Access to leadership programs
- 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>

SCIENCE NEWS

Big Science Competition 2021

See Mr Joseph for more information.



big science competition

Take the challenge

17-28 MAY 2021
REGISTER YOURSELF NOW!
www.asi.edu.au

FREE ENTRY

What's stopping you?

35
AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF SCIENCE
TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

Young Indigenous Women's STEM Academy

Are you a young Indigenous woman?

Do you have an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and or

STUDENT LEADERSHIP NEWS

Results of Recent Student Elections

Student Leadership 2021

Senior Captains



Idelle Bolwell



Blaise Periera



Elijah Bamford-Brice



Cameron Dickman

Middle Years Captains



Angus Cram



Daniel Murphy



Mirander Sanders



Lakshya Chanda

Prefects



Lillee Yewsang



Kho Mearns



Kelsie Pietsch

Student Representative Council

Year 7

Shayne Stanton

Mason De La Pair

Year 8

Tyler Van Den Boom

Mymona Bryers

Year 9

Nathaniel Brown

Bella Kelly

Year 10

Ben Rowe

Caitlyn Murphy

Year 11

Jah-Ryse Godinho Dos Reis

Nissa Stevens

Year 12

Jackson Hudson

Justin Hemopo

House Captains and Vice Captains

House	Captains	Vice Captains
McGrath	Cailei Bolwell Joneil (JJ) Playford	Dallas McKay Chelsea Bordina
Hurley	Maria Kastellorizios Joe Howe	Taelah Smith Fraser Brown
McCormack	Sabina Dalzel Riley Leslie	Piper Heath Koen Hughes
Confalonieri	Mauve Marshall Liam Kennedy	Georgia Day Taylah Easton

Student Leader Commissioning



Senior Leaders Lunch with Lia Finocchiaro MLA



SPORT NEWS



SportAnalytik World wide program
HELPING CHILDREN to discover their strengths
and fall **IN LOVE** with **SPORT**



Contact Number - 0418 813 357
www.sportanalytik-nt.com.au

Reveal
child's
natural
talent

Discover
child's
strengths

Motivate
child to be
active

Recommend
suitable
sports

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.

SportAnalytik Story 2014-2019:

500 000+ Children got their natural talent revealed

90% children start doing sport after SportAnalytik

9.6 Parent satisfaction score on scale 1 to 10

66% children tried recommended sport

www.sportanalytik-nt.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

PARRS NETBALL



VACINATIONS

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.

This round will cover HPV, Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis, and Tuberculosis for Year 7, Meningococcal for Year 9, and Pneumococcal Influenza for Year 10. Note: This is not the coronavirus vaccine, just the regular ones.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Fri 5 Mar | Interhouse Basketball
Confalonieri vs McGrath |
| Sun 14 Mar | Enrolment interviews for 2022 begin |
| Week 7 | Year 7 Retreat |
| Mon 15 Mar | 6pm Board Meeting |
| Wed 17 Mar | St Patrick's Day |
| Thu 18 Mar | Asobi Krong after school |
| Fri 19 Mar | Interhouse Basketball
McCormack vs Hurley |
| | Feast of St Joseph |
| Wed 24 Mar | Immunisations |
| Fri 25 Mar | Immunisations |
| Sun 28 Mar | Palm Sunday |

FREE EVENT

RIDE IN 2 BMX

YOUR CHANCE TO TRY BMX!

WHY NOT GIVE IT A GO AND JOIN THE FUN!

LOCATION	TIME	DATE
ELRUNDIE AVE, PALMERSTON, NT, 0831	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	SATURDAY 13th MARCH 2021

www.auscycling.org.au

Darwin Athletics Club

Track and Field – Arafura Stadium, Marrara

Season 2021: Mar - Sep
Free come and try sessions on the 12th and 16th of March
Check FB or contact the club for details

For athletes of all abilities and ages 3-99 years

Tiny Tots
Junior and Senior Athletes
Masters
Athletes with Disabilities / Para Athletes

Darwin.athletics@gmail.com
www.darwinathletics.org.au
facebook.com/DarwinAthleticsClub/

Arafura Stadium, Abala Road, Marrara

REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATION (RTO) News

Vocational Education and Training (VET) Students

VET is learning which is directly related to work.

Students are settling into their VET courses well. The conservation and land management students have been busy exploring the 16 Mile Camp, identifying species and habitats. While the business students have been working hard on their résumés. We are very proud of all our VET students for their engagement in their respective course.

Qualifications available

AHC10116- Certificate I in Conservation and Land Management

AHC21016- Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management

BSB10115- Certificate I in Business

CUA20215- Certificate II in Creative Industries

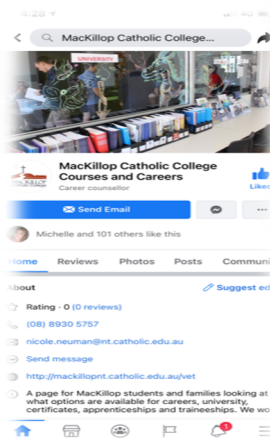
CUA31015- Certificate III in Screen and Media

ICT20115- Certificate II in Information, Digital Media & Technology

VET in school programs provide opportunities for students to explore and gain real-life skills to enhance employment opportunities, whilst still undertaking full time study in school.

Stay tuned... Our VET Course

Representatives will be announced soon!



Like our Facebook page: MacKillop Catholic College Courses and Careers

We are here to help you achieve your goals #themyst2021

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