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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,

We are rapidly approaching the business end of the term. This is a very busy time for both staff and students, with assessment falling due across many subjects. Teaching and learning is very much the core business of our College. All students are required to submit appropriate assessment. This is a fair expectation if the College is to report student progress to families in a meaningful way.

We have had some movement in staff this past week. The College has appointed Mrs Di Cook as our WHS Coordinator. This is effective as of this week. If parents wish to raise any issues around the area of WHS, please do not hesitate to contact Di. This does not happen often, but it is important that parents are aware

that this avenue of communication with the College is available to them. I must take this opportunity also to thank in a very big way Mrs Rachel Griffen for her services as the College's WHS Coordinator over these past few years. Rachel has carried a huge work load this term in her roles as both Year 11 Year Coordinator, and the College's WHS Coordinator. Thank you, Rachel. The words seem scarcely adequate for the load you have carried this term.

We also say farewell at the end of this week to Mr John Chisholm. John is currently the College's Teacher Librarian. John has accepted a Librarian role offered to him in Alice Springs, where he will be working with many of the local region's aboriginal communities. Again, John, I would like to thank you on behalf of the College community for your contributions to the College. One only needs to walk into the College's Library to acknowledge the positive impact you have had at the College. I would also like to thank Mrs Shirley Donnelly who has stepped up to the role of Library Manager for the remainder of this year. Shirley's expertise in managing the library's operations, and her willingness to step up to this role, has been warmly received by staff.

It is an annual tradition of the College for MacKillop staff to attend a Sunday Mass with Fr Tom English, at our local parish church, Our Lady Help of Christians. As a staff, we did this last weekend. As Principal of MacKillop Catholic College, I was very proud to be a part of this gathering last Sunday. The number of staff present at this Mass was, for me, a very humbling experience.

And on a final point, this week MacKillop introduced a Responsible Thinking Classroom (RTC). This is just another tool that can be used by staff to address negative behaviours of a student. Students can only be moved to the RTC following three clear warnings from the teacher to the student for the student to address their negative behaviour. If there is no positive improvement in the student's behaviour, this allows the student to move to a quiet space (the RTC) to reflect on their negative behaviour. A meeting then needs to occur between the teacher and the student for re-entry into the classroom the following lesson. This is just a quick overview of the process to make parents aware of its existence. Ms Slingerland will take the opportunity to explain elsewhere more fully this process to parents. For me, this process achieves two clear goals. Firstly, it removes some of the emotion out of the classroom and replaces it with a process. And secondly, it allows the teacher to teach to those students who are wanting to learn.

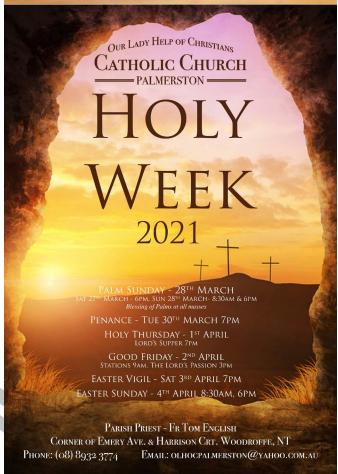
Kind Regards,



CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWS

First Communion in Palmerston Parish





MACKILLOP NEWS

Mass of the Oils

On Tuesday night the Mass of the Oils was held at the Cathedral. Pictured are Jah-Ryse Godinho Dos Reis and Matthew Neuman with Bishop Charles.



INFRASTRUCTURE NEWS

Traffic Congestion

If you pick your students up after school, please talk to them to ensure they are ready and waiting for you when you arrive. Significant congestion issues often stem from individual vehicles blocking the through-road of the pick up area whilst waiting for their students. If there are no spaces in the pick up lane, keep driving.

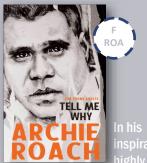
New VET Centre

Construction is now underway for our new VET Training Centre.



LIBRARY NEWS

MacKillop



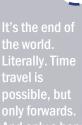
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acclaimed memoir- and including reflections from First Nations
Elders and young people - Archie Roach tells the story of his life and his music. Only two when he was forcibly removed from his family, and brought up by a series of foster parents until 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.



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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.

ARTS NEWS



Come & Try Irish Dance!

Wednesday 24 March 2021 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm Wednesday 31 March 2021 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm



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

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR TERM 2 MUSIC LESSON SIGNUP IS THE END OF TERM 1

(9th April 2021)

mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/music



alk to your school's front office for more information or call the Music Department at MacKillop Catholic College to find out more! (08) 8930 5717

LANGUAGES NEWS

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

Candice Slingerland Languages Coordinator





MACKILLOP NEWS

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: mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/

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 Nimeman Finance Officer - Families

SPORT NEWS



Tahnee Gale

Wheelchair Basketball

Stage 2 PE students have been working on their diagnostics assessment task which requires students to compare, analyse and evaluate the physiological demands of wheelchair basketball and 3v3 basketball.

During the Wheelchair Basketball excursion students were lucky to have their lesson Health and PE Coordinator coached by Tom O'Neill Thorne and Clarence McCarthy Grogan, two elite players currently

training with the Australian Wheelchair Basketball Team for the Paralympics.

Tahnee Gale



CURRICULUM NEWS

Agriculture is Coming to MacKillop

We are excited to announce that in Term Two we will be adding Agriculture to our subject offering, starting with a Year 7 subject where students will learn the basics of horticulture and animal husbandry. This subject will feature a lot of practical work, offsite learning and guest experts. We are looking forward to giving MacKillop students the opportunity to better prepare themselves for careers on the land.

On March 11 Paul Dimmick and Patrick Sibly attended the Northern Territory Farmers and Taminmin College Science, Maths and Technology Day for Teachers in the context of NT Agriculture. Attendees heard from educators and industry members about the domestic and international live cattle trade, goat farming, pisciculture, aquaculture and nutrient re-use, and forestry including long term forestry projects on Indigenous land holds on the Tiwi Islands, close to where our boy's group visited in 2019 and may visit in the future.

Much was learnt, great encouragement was received along with vision for the future of Agriculture at MacKillop including further association with the Taminmin College Agriculture Program.





Photo. 1 Patrick Sibly MacKillop Catholic College, Hannah Murray Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association, Tash Burrows Taminmin College, Luciano Mesiti CEO of Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia, Ryan Thornton Taminmin College.

Photo 2. Paul Dimmick MacKillop Catholic College and Stephanie Frankham from Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association



Indigenous Health Careers Day

ATSI NEWS

The crew from the IAHA Northern Territory Aboriginal Health Academy came to spend some time with some of our ATSI students, introducing them to a range of career options in the health industries. The round-robin stations included fields such as dentistry, nutrition, medicine and physiotherapy. There is strong demand for more people of indigenous backgrounds to enter these professions.













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Take part in workshops on: Allocating Mental Health Discovering you don't Hear from our Keynote speaker Hugh Van Cuylenburg, The Resilience Project, about incorporating resilience strategies into everyday life. Find out about local youth support services you may not know are available to you right now. Whether you attend our event in person or online you'll receive a free gift from us for participating! Register to attend at SCAN ME

SOSE NEWS

Mediaeval Studies

Students studying the Mediaeval period in Year 8 SOSE have recently embraced the reality of the times a little more closely than normal. They made a range of models depicting various aspects of life in those days.

Items ranged from castles - all modelled on actual sites - to weapons, clothing, domestic items, and so on. Mr Musulin, the Department Head, said the students had done well to research their choices in detail. "Understanding what happened around 500 years ago is important to ensure we learn from the past," he said. "I congratulate these students on their achievements.'









YEAR 7 NEWS

Floating Islands

The Year 7s have been learning composite imaging techniques in photoshop, creating some "Floating Island" artworks. They've come up with some pretty cool ideas!





Year 7 Retreat











UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun 28 Mar Palm Sunday

Thu 1 Apr Holy Thursday

Fri 2 Apr Good Friday - Public Holiday

Sat 3 Apr Holy Saturday

Sun 4 Apr Easter Sunday

Mon 5 Apr Easter Monday - Public Holiday

Tue 5 Apr Middle Years Family Conferences

A-H

Wed 6 Apr Middle Years Family Conferences

I-Z

Fri 9 Apr Last Day of School for Term 1

Sat 10 - Sun 18 Apr - Mid Semester Break (Office

open normal hours)

Mon 19 Apr First Day of Term 2

Board Meeting 6pm

Thu 22 Apr Asobi Krong After School

Fri 23 Apr Anzac Day Liturgy

Sun 25 Apr Anzac Day

Mon 26 Apr Anzac Day Public Holiday

FROM FR TOM

Palm Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A couple of years ago we started a post-confirmation group for the people who had done their confirmation the last few years.

We are at last restarting the group with some Subway after the Palm Sunday mass at 6pm this Sunday. If you are interested just come.

Fr Tom

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!





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