



MACKILLOP NEWS

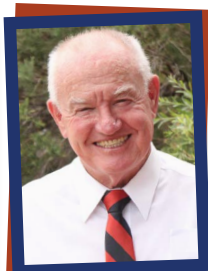
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*"Never see a need without trying
to do something about it"*
St. Mary MacKillop



Peter Moloney
Principal

Dear Families of MacKillop Catholic College,

At the College assembly of Wednesday, I took the opportunity to share with students and staff an incident that was reported to the College on Wednesday morning. The incident involved a Year 8 student and her younger siblings. When these young people got off their bus on their way home, they were approached by an elderly man who was taking their photo and who attempted to engage in conversation with them. Subsequent to sharing this incident with their parents, the matter was reported to police.

The point I made at the College assembly was that this can act as a reminder to us all of what used often be referred to as 'stranger danger'. Again, the point I made was students (and their families) need to be aware, but not alarmed. I also mentioned that where possible, students should stay in groups and not isolate themselves. Isolating themselves only increases the level of vulnerability of our young people.

Now to update staffing matters, and there have been a few.

Very sadly, I have accepted the resignation of the College's Principal's Assistant, Mrs Vanda Rands. This was a tough one, however, family circumstances have dictated that it was time. I cannot begin to express the depth of my appreciation to Vanda for the strength, support and professionalism she has shown me in my short time here at MacKillop. I do take solace in the fact though, Vanda, that you have made the correct decision, and that, as I mentioned above, the time was right.

We have also lost Di Cook. Di will be returning to Mother Teresa upon her return from Long Service Leave. Mother Teresa has done well. Di, I/we will miss you. You have been an absolute delight to work with. We welcome on staff, Mr Raymond Liebenberg as the College's WHS Coordinator. Raymond has been the recent WHS Coordinator at St Francis Xavier School at Daly River. At the end of Term 1, Raymond and his family relocated back to Darwin, so we have been really lucky to secure Raymond's services. Raymond has rolled seamlessly into this role and is already proving a pleasure to work with.

And for my final piece of staffing news for this week, we are also losing Vanaja Arakkal. Vanaja has accepted a position as the IT person at the school on Mornington Island. In speaking with Vanaja, I know that she is excited at the opportunity of linking her work on Mornington Island with her University Doctoral studies. For those who are not aware, Vanaja was one of the founding staff members of MacKillop, being on staff from Day 1 – and as Paul Dimmick would say – and then there were two! It goes without saying, Vanaja, how deeply appreciative we are of your services, and the enormous hours you have put into the College over your years here. You have left an enduring legacy.

And my final comment. This Friday, 30 April, a selection panel from the Diocese is interviewing for the position of Principal for MacKillop Catholic College, to lead us through this current decade. I know we pray for them.

Kind Regards,

Peter Moloney
Principal

ACADEMIC STUDIES NEWS

Senior Years Mid-Semester Reports

Our Deputy Principal - Academic Studies was ill in Week 1 and was unable to do the usual checking routine, which we always carry out to ensure accuracy of reports. We apologise for the delay. This is now done, and staff will have fixed any corrections by today. You can expect these reports to be on SEQTA on Tuesday Wee 3, with printed copies being sent home with students on Wednesday.

FROM THE FINANCE DEPT.

School Fees



Amos Wachira
Business Manager

A warm welcome to all our families for Term 2. All families should have received their statements for school fees which are sent every month. Please note fees are charged throughout the year and your balance will change from time to time with the addition of camps, electives and excursions. If you have not received your fees statement, please contact the Finance team and we will re-send this.

School fees are now overdue unless a payment arrangement with the College has been agreed. Please ensure if you have not

yet completed a fee agreement form to contact the finance team as soon as possible. You can also set up the credit card arrangement or direct debit payment request through the College website on mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/fees. If the arrangement form is not received and the payment arrangements are not honoured Semester 1 reports will be withheld. To avoid this happening, please ensure the agreement form has been sent to Finance and all payments, as agreed, are made on time.

Payments of school fees can also 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 accounts. For all queries pertaining to school fees, please call 8930 5716 or email finance.mackillop@nt.catholic.edu.au

Amos Wachira
Business Manager



LANGUAGES NEWS

ASOBI KRONG

**ASOBI KRONG IS A HYBRID OF JAPANESE, CHINESE AND
INDONESIAN WORDS MEANING HANGING OUT.**

**AFTER SCHOOL ON THURSDAYS OF ODD WEEKS:
WEEK 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9 EACH TERM**

**IT IS LIKE NONGKRONG, BUT INCLUDES JAPANESE, CHINESE,
INDONESIAN & FRENCH CULTURE, CHANGING WEEK TO WEEK**



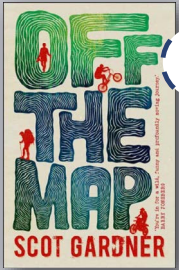
**SEE MS KHOO
FOR MORE DETAILS!**

MODERN HISTORY NEWS

Students Max Lawson (next column photo) and Travis Higgs try out the workings of a World War I machine-gun in a recent Modern History class. They were part of a Year 9 class attempting a Stage 1 subject, normally only aimed at by Year 11 students. The class was looking at the realities of military equipment in a special session hosted by Mr Jared Archibald of the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT, and Mr Tony Orr of the Arms Collectors' Association of the NT.

LIBRARY NEWS

Mackillop



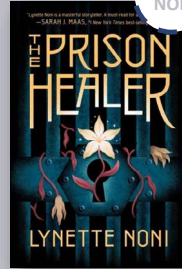
Our home town. Sometimes it feels like the centre of the universe, sometimes it's the bum-end of nowhere. We are her sons and daughters. These are our triumphs and our heartaches, our fears and hopes for a better life.

Getting lost, falling in love, pushing boundaries, exploring the world – powerfully honest stories to make you think and feel, with many themes covered, including identity, family, peer pressure, masculinity, and life and death.

Some of What's New In the Library

Seventeen-year-old Kiva Meridan has spent the last ten years fighting for survival in the notorious death prison, Zalindov, working as the prison healer. Kiva is charged with keeping the terminally ill Rebel Queen alive long enough for her to undergo the Trial by Ordeal – a series of challenges against air, fire, water and earth.

Then a coded message from Kiva's family arrives, stating "Don't let her die. We are coming". Aware that the Trials will kill the sickly queen, Kiva volunteers in her place. If she succeeds, both she and the queen will be granted their freedom. But no one has ever survived.



Tara wears hijab even though her parents hate it, and in a swipe right world she's looking for the 'will go to the ends of the earth for you' type of love. Or, she would be, if she hadn't sworn off boys to focus on getting into med. Besides, what's wrong with just crushing on the assassins, mages and thieves in the fantasy books she reads?

When a bomb threat on her first day of university throws her together with totally annoying party king and oh-so-entitled politician's son Alex, things get complicated. Tara needs to decide if she's happy reading about heroes, or if she's ready to step up and be one herself.

Father Gerry Remie Centre

Library

RTO NEWS



Patricia Sweeney Fawcett
Managing Director -
MacKillop RTO

Meet our VET Class Representatives

Giving our students a voice.

Class Reps are the link between the RTO, staff, and the students. They are elected to represent the student viewpoint on issues concerning their classmates.

All Class Reps were invited to attend the course committee meeting held at the end of term 1. This is another way for students to air concerns, discuss ideas and developments related to their courses and their overall experience of studying VET.



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

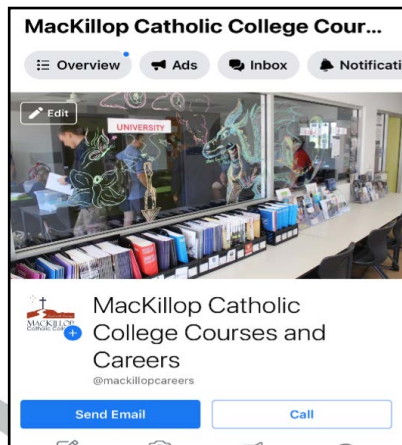
Autism NT Walk

VET staff and students supported Autism NT, by walking to raise autism awareness. It was a beautiful fresh morning, well done to all involved!



Creative Industries

Creative Industry students have been busy recently filming an interview with Vietnam Veteran Don Milford and the Anzac Service.



MacKillop Courses and Careers on Facebook

Please like our facebook page!

Patricia Sweeney Fawcett
Managing Director - MacKillop RTO

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SAINTS NEWS



Matt Sharp
Director of Rugby -
MacKillop Saints

Busy and successful start to Term 2 for the Saints Rugby League

It has been a busy and successful start to Term 2 for many players and staff involved with Saints Rugby League.

Last Thursday in Week 1 we were fortunate enough to welcome former NRL players, Luke Williamson (Manly/Canberra) and David Gower (most recently of Parramatta) into our College to deliver our Open age players a course on life and careers post school. Our students took a lot away from the experience, where they found out what the expectations are of an aspiring NRL player from a study perspective. All were shocked after listening to a story from David Gower who now acts in a wellbeing role with the Eel's junior development programmes, when he revealed the fines at Parramatta for being late to training. Many heads turned to the floor when the question, 'how broke would you be if MacKillop brought that in for being late to class?' was asked.

The following day, our u16s Boys team successfully defended their maiden 2020 Eels Cup title by defeating Palmerston College 36-4 in the grand final held at TIO Stadium before the Eels vs Broncos clash later that evening. The Saints opened the scoring with an early try to half, Brandon Norris, who grabbed three for the day. The team walked off to a 22-0 lead at the half time siren and continued on to a comfortable win by the end bell. Other players who kept the scorers busy included Dylan Mugadza with a pair as well as Tyriq Stevens and Izyiah Pairama. Tyriq Stevens is an early candidate for most improved this season and his hard work in training both in the gym and in classes is beginning to pay dividends.

Moving forward, all players are encouraged to sign up to our Term 2 Rugby League Academy programme. The Academy is held during school hours, P5 Monday and Friday. Academy members always hold first preference when it comes to our organised school-based games and tours. Following the cancellation of our Townsville Tour which was scheduled for later this year, we are now looking at taking our Academy members on a playing tour of the Tiwi Islands. Other fixtures currently in negotiations include a Katherine Top End Shield Gala Day for the juniors scheduled in for later this year as well as the Palmerston Cup against arch rivals Palmerston College in the Opens Division.

Yours in Rugby,

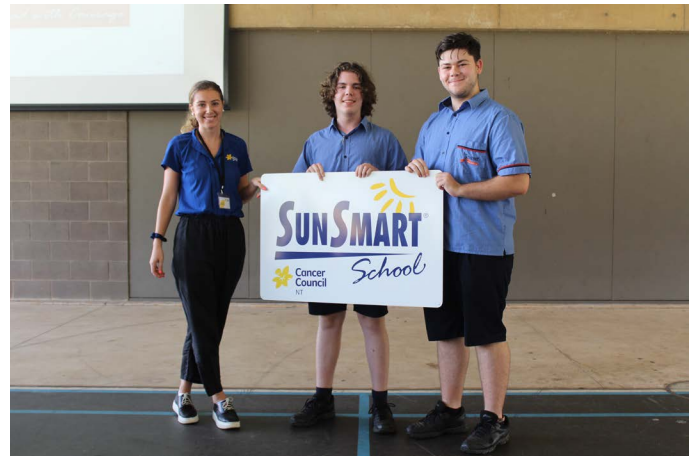
Matt Sharp
Director of Rugby



Canteen Mikshakes



Sun Smart Schools Accreditation



OTHER RECENT EVENTS

Anzac Day



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fri 30 Apr** Lunchtime Netball Round 1
Confalonieri vs Hurley
- Mon 3 May** May Day Public Holiday
- Fri 7 May** Lunchtime Netball Round 2
McGrath vs McCormack
- Sat 8 May** Seabreeze Festival - Dance Students
- Sun 9 May** Mother's Day
- Week 4 & 5** NAPLAN
- Wed 12 May** COLLEGE TOUR - 5PM
- Fri 14 May** Netball Round 3
Confalonieri vs McCormack
- Mon 17 May** Board Meeting 6pm

Week 7 · Term 2 · 1 - 4 June



Tickets and further details will be released soon

Freshly Made

Milkshakes



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CHOCOLATE

CARAMEL

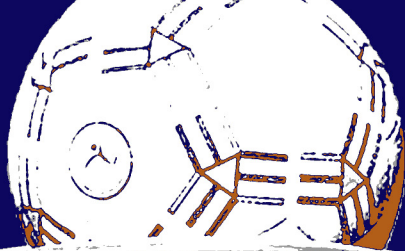
BANANA

STRAWBERRY

• Please Pre-order •

The Olive Grove Café

**FRIDAY
LUNCH TIMES**



TERM 2

INTERHOUSE LUNCH TIME

NETBALL

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ALL WELCOME

**SEE MS GALE
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Week 2
Confalonieri vs Hurley

Week 3
McGrath vs McCormack

Week 4
McCormack vs Confalonieri

Week 5
McGrath vs Hurley

Week 6
Confalonieri vs McGrath

Week 7
Hurley vs McCormack

Grand Final
Friday Week 8