



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,

Staffing continues to dominate our news, with the major news item being the announcement of the College's new Principal to lead MacKillop through this current decade. Below is an excerpt from the notification released by the Director of Northern Territory Catholic Education, Mr Greg O'Mullane:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Lucas Hurley as Principal at MacKillop Catholic College, Palmerston with effect from 5 July 2021.

Lucas's qualifications include a Master of Arts - Theological Studies (2012); a Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary) Religious Education/ HASS (2003) and Bachelor of Arts: Double Major – Philosophy/ Theology (2002) from Notre Dame University and Philosophy Major from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, USA (1999).

Lucas has extensive teaching and leadership experience having held various positions as a Catholic Youth Ministry Coordinator, Archdiocese of Perth; Faith Education Officer\ Curriculum Writer, Archdiocese of Sydney; RE Teacher and Physical Education Teacher; a Service Coordinator and Sports Coach.

Lucas's previous role was as Principal at Immaculate Heart College, Lower Chittering WA where he led the school for 5 years introducing secondary from Year 7 to Year 12. Prior to this Lucas was a Religious Education Specialist and House Coordinator at Aquinas College, Perth.

Please join me in congratulating Lucas on his appointment as he takes on the challenges of this important role at MacKillop Catholic College, Palmerston.



This, however, is not the only staffing news I have to share with you. At the end of this semester, we farewell Ms Linda Van Heusden, our Inclusion Support Coordinator. Linda is relocating to Queensland. While we all obviously wish Linda all the very best with her move, I know we do this with a genuine level of sadness. Linda has done an amazing job in her two and a half years here at the College, building invaluable relationships with parents, and creating a highly efficient inclusion support unit. Advertising is currently underway to fill this position, and viewing this through a different lens, there is now an exciting opportunity for someone to step up and take on this role and shape it in new ways to meet our future needs.

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

With the loss of Mrs Rands, our front office has seen some movement. We have seen Ms Olivia Lynch step up to the position of Administrative Assistant to the Principal. We also welcome new to our staff Ms Madison Fleming. Madison, a past student of our College, will be the welcoming face to our College, in her important role at front office reception. Both of these positions are acting positions at present, and will be finalised later in the year.

I have also not yet had the opportunity to welcome other new staff to the College. I know I made reference in an earlier newsletter to Mrs McMasters returning to staff. However, I would also like to welcome on staff Mr Rosan Dahal and Mr Adam Mulambya. Both Rosan and Adam teach primarily in the area of Mathematics. Also, on a part time basis, I would also like to welcome Mr Raphael van Wessem, who is teaching part time only in our Languages Department.

Well, that is it for the news for this past fortnight. As you can see, much is happening.

You take care, and please remember, any concerns, do not hesitate to contact the College. If we are unaware of issues, there is little we can do to address them.

Kind Regards,

Peter Moloney
Principal

assist in developing our students/ your children. There will be more information about this in the coming terms.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate in getting in contact with us about your child's wellbeing.

Have a lovely Week 4,

Salam Hangat,

Candice Slingerland
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Care

YEAR 8 NEWS

Welcome Back, Mrs Mack!

Mrs McMaster has triumphantly returned, resuming her role as coordinator of the class she had as Year 7s last year, the Year 8s of 2021. If you need to get in touch with her, her email is kate.mcmaster@nt.catholic.edu.au.



PASTORAL CARE NEWS

Dear Families,



Candice Slingerland
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Care

We hope that Term 2 has been treating you well. We have been off to a fine start and we are seeing all students in full swing with attendance and assessments. A couple of items to mention:

For our Senior Students and their families - We have a Meningococcal Study being conducted in the NT with the roll out happening next month for students in Year 10-12. This is essentially a free vaccine for our students against Meningococcal, which normally will

cost \$150. Of course, our students cannot be forced to take part in the study, but it is free. Hard copies of the consent form went out 2 months ago. A new electronic form has also been emailed out to families. To be a part of this study, students will need to have their consent filled in by the end of the month.

On another note over the past few weeks we have seen and had some concerns about safety when travelling to and from school. We are offering reminders and have safety educators coming into school, but some reminders about crossing the road safely and riding to school safely from home would also be much appreciated.

Finally a big thank you to the families who took part in our Pastoral Care Survey over the past month. We have also offered this survey to students and staff. Pastoral Care is an extremely important part of your child's education as it focusses on setting students up for the future in practical measures, but also in regard to their social and emotional growth. The results from this survey has given us as a community some drive and direction as to how to move forward with Pastoral Care within the college. We are planning on rolling out a whole school approach for Pastoral Care in 2022. As part of this program, there will also be input from families and 'common language' that we will be able to use between home and school to

AGRICULTURE NEWS

Visit from Steph from the NT Cattlemen's Association

Steph Frankham, Project Manager from the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association, came in on the 13th May to speak to Mr Sibley's Year 7 Agriculture class about the industry. This will soon be followed by an excursion to the export yards in Berrimah.



ARTS NEWS



Kathryn Ezzy
Head of Arts

Music Intensive

In week 3 we held our first music intensive rehearsal for the year. Guitar students, choir students and students from the orchestra joined for a combined rehearsal. For some students, this was the first time they were playing in an ensemble (group) but they quickly gained confidence. By the end of the intensive the songs were sounding solid and we can't wait to share the progress of our students with families at Music Night which is to be held in Week 7.

Kathryn Ezzy
Head of Arts



RTO NEWS



Patricia Sweeney Fawcett
Managing Director -
MacKillop RTO

Vocational Education and Training Pathways

Opportunities for pathways come in many different ways within MacKillop Catholic College and one of those pathways is the vocational education and training pathway. As educators, we know that every student is different with their own unique skills and strengths. We also know that every student will excel at different forms of learning through the Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

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

The RTO allows students the opportunity to partake in a range of qualifications on-site. Qualifications starting in semester 2 include **BSB10115 - Certificate I in Business** and **AHC10116 - Certificate I in Conservation and Land Management**.

Not only does studying a VET qualification contribute to the Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET), but it provides students with a nationally recognised qualification that can act as a platform into post-school employment and/or further study.



Construction Pathway students practicing their welding skills and below we have Conservation Land Management students learning the importance of maintaining machinery.



For more information on VET Pathways, please see Ms Sweeney Fawcett or Ms Neuman in the Flexible Learning centre.

Patricia Sweeney Fawcett
Managing Director - MacKillop RTO

CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWS



Richard Milne
Assistant Principal -
Religious Education

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13.

Each year our College recognises the extraordinary contribution of the Australian and New Zealand defence forces who have often had to sacrifice their life to protect the freedom and values that Australia holds dear. Our commemoration ceremony held at midday on Friday 23rd April was led throughout by our student leaders. Particularly memorable were our Defence cadets who guarded the Cross of sacrifice and the Australian flag by mounting a catafalque or guard of honour. Lieutenant

Commander Don Milford MBE, RAN (Retired) gave a commemorative address on his experiences of the ANZAC tradition as it applied to the War in Vietnam 1966-1976. It was wonderful to see so many student from MacKillop continue to reflect at the ANZAC Day ceremonies in Palmerston. Lest We Forget.

Our special team of students in Year 9 and 10 who have joined the ACTS program at MacKillop joined with the National Youth Mission team on a one day retreat that focused on leadership through service. The program is based on a biblical understanding of leadership. Good leadership does at least two things. First it accomplishes worthwhile goals. Secondly, good leadership develops and transforms those who are being lead. People are really better people and better off because

they have served with that leader. They are more competent, confident and equipped. Leadership is needed to transform vision into reality. We hope to see their vision transfer into a reality as the year unfolds.

Richard Milne

APRE



Tammy Botha
Youth Minister

Youth Group

There is an exciting opportunity for anyone in grades 7-9 at MacKillop. A youth group will be starting with a Launch Party on the 23rd of May. The youth group starts at 7pm with 6pm Mass beforehand, finishing at 8:15pm. The youth group is an opportunity for anyone who is interested in exploring their faith, to understand their purpose, to become a part of a community and to enable them from adolescence to adulthood. This is done through activities, games, opportunity for prayer and nurturing their personal growth. So come along on the 23rd for lots of fun, time with friends and opportunity for faith. Also dinner will be provided.

Tammy Botha

Youth Minister



FRIENDS

GAMES



Launch Party

Youth Group Launch party, 23rd of May
@ Our Lady Help Of Christians Church Palmerston
6:00pm: Mass
7:00pm – 8:15pm: Youth Group
Grade 7-9

 [net.darwin](https://www.instagram.com/net.darwin)

FOOD



WHY NOT?

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Emery Ave, Palmerston City NT 0831

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EAGLE GROUP NEWS

Chess Simul

Nineteen members of the school's Gifted and Talented Unit recently took on a high-ranked chess player from the outside world in a chess "simul". Kyal Keyes, who is rated just under grandmaster level, took on 19 players at once in a circular format.

Kyal played the four current highest in each year level from our internal championship. Dr Lewis, the G&T Co-ordinator, later explained the match – in a weekly assembly – as if we took 19 student drivers and gave them all an identical Holden Commodore to race around a track. Kyal had a racecar too, but he started from the back of the grid.

Strict rules of chess were followed: players not being allowed to touch the board until Kyal reached them; moving within three seconds of his arrival; if touching a piece it must be moved; en passant rule in place, and the unfinished games judged by pieces taken, and position.

As a measure of his ability, Kyal managed 13 wins, five draws, and only lost one game – to Year 10's Grace Rooney – overall. Well done for the courage and enthusiasm to all, with all players presented with certificates at the week 4 assembly: Tom Rooney, Ky Waters, Henry Green, Lakshya Chanda, Rhys Lavercombe, Ethan Carajosa, Lily Hollister, Lakshya Chanda, Tanner Hann, Andrew de Nale, Elizabeth Salter, Zoe Grant, Ella Day, Joe Siang, Arthur Lewis, Benjamin Rowe, Grace Rooney, Lochlan Evans, and Danella Fitzakerley.



E-SAFETY WEBINAR

A new webinar series for parents and carers in May and June will be starting. The webinar is titled eSafety's guide to parental controls.

Parents and carers will learn how to set up devices to help keep their children safe online. The webinar will cover the following:

- the benefits and limitations of parental controls
- how to set up iOS and Android devices for safety
- how to set up popular games and apps like YouTube and Roblox for safety
- using family tech agreements and other parenting strategies to manage online risks
- how eSafety can help when things go wrong.

Registration details can be found atesafety.gov.au/parents/webinars.

FRONT OFFICE NEWS

Lost Property

Quite a lot of lost property is currently in the front office, including some rather expensive items. If you recognise anything in the photos below, please come and collect it.



Peers Programme

Dates/times for the next PEERS Program for YOUNG ADULTS & TEENS are now available.

TEENS

Mondays from 9th August @ 7.00-8.30pm - Parent sessions

Tuesdays from 10th August @ 4.30-6.00pm - Young Adult sessions

YOUNG ADULTS

Mondays from 9th August @ 5.00-6.30pm - Parent sessions

Tuesdays from 10th August @ 6.30-8.00pm - Young Adult sessions

Sydney Time

If these days/times suit you and you'd like to find out more please contact me

BUT FIRST ...

Read on to find out more about the program, including the costs involved, chat with your young adult or teen to see if they're interested and then email me with a time/day and best contact number if you'd like to schedule a call to find out more and whether this would be a good fit for your young adult or teen.

Warm regards,
Vivian

PEERS® is Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills. The PEERS® program is an internationally acclaimed, evidence-based social skills group program for adolescents and young adults with social challenges.

Originally developed by Dr Elizabeth Laugeson at the University of California (UCLA) PEERS®, the programme has a strong evidence-base for use with adolescents and young adults with Aspergers/ASD, but is also highly appropriate for those with ADHD, anxiety, depression, learning difficulties, those who may be twice exceptional or gifted and talented or indeed anyone experiencing social challenges.

The program assists motivated teens and young adults with social challenges who are interested in learning ways to help them make and keep friends. Explicitly teaching how to navigate common social challenges allows the formation of more positive relationships.

Teens/Young Adults learn how to ...

- Develop & maintain friendships
- Improve conversational skills
- Choose appropriate friends & find common interests
- Appropriately use electronic forms of communication
- Appropriately use humour/assess humour feedback
- Start, enter & exit conversations between peers
- Organise successful get-togethers with friends
- Be a good sport
- Handle arguments & disagreements with friends
- Handle rejection, teasing, bullying & rumours/gossip
- Change a bad reputation

* Young Adults will in addition learn dating skills

Our kids often don't view the world quite the same as others do, and therefore often have difficulties navigating the social world meaning social anxiety is commonplace. Sometimes their social challenges are almost imperceptible and can appear mild, but that very mildness can make those difficulties all the more severe.

Appropriate social skills help us to connect with others and maintain relationships.

Struggling with social skills can put teens with social challenges at greater risk of:

- * Peer rejection
- * Feelings of loneliness, depression, anxiety & isolation
- * Negatively impacting on things like:
 - * further study
 - * dating &
 - * finding & maintaining employment

Making & keeping friends is crucial – having just one or two friends has been shown to:

- * help create resilience to stressful life events
- * predict better adjustment in later life
- * increase self-esteem/confidence & support independence
- * minimise the occurrence of bullying
- * decrease likelihood of depression/anxiety linked to loneliness

There's no need to label your child as socially awkward. Switch up your mindset to thinking my child just hasn't learned those skills yet! We take social skills for granted and expect our kids to learn by osmosis, but our kids often need a little extra explicit instruction. PEERS® works by explicitly teaching the skills that come naturally to the more socially adept. Social skills have rules which can be easily taught, followed and practised to great effect – just like anything else!

PEERS Social Skills is a 16-week online program for teens aged 13-17 or Young Adults 18-30 who experience social challenges and are interested in learning new ways of making and keeping friends.

In weekly 90-minute online small group sessions, teens/young adults are taught important social skills and given the opportunity to practise these skills during socialisation activities in the session.

Parents or caregivers attend online 90-minute weekly small group sessions separately to their teens/young adults and are taught how to become a social coach – supporting their teen/young adult in practicing their new skills at home, coaching them during their weekly socialisation homework assignments and providing feedback.

Sessions are relaxed & fun whilst using evidence-based skill-teaching methods.

- * Small group (6-10 participants)
- * Safe environment where everyone finds success
- * Didactic instruction (concrete easy to follow rules & steps)
- * Socratic questioning method
- * Teaches ecologically valid skills (socially successful skills)
- * Correct/Incorrect role play examples
- * Role-playing and modelling practice of correct skills
- * Perspective-taking questions targeting social cognition
- * Social coaching from course facilitators & parent(s)/carer(s)
- * Homework exercises (with parent/carer assistance)
- * Each session builds upon the previous week

To join the course teens/young adults must:

- * be between 13-17 or 18-30 respectively (for the duration of the course)
- * be interested in attending the program
- * agree to participate in the program voluntarily
- * consistently attend the program; and
- * have parent/carer willing to participate as their social coach
- * have social challenges

Talk to the Inclusion Support Team for more details.



the Y UPLIFT
6 week Program

A six week holistic, physical and mental wellbeing program for anybody 14 - 25 years, challenged by their mental health. Including those who have feelings of anxiety, depression or overwhelming stress

free to register

STARTS MAY 17

Monday & Wednesday sessions 3pm & 4pm

Email darren.powell@ymca.org.au to register.

Program Includes 6 week health club membership and 2 guided sessions per week that incorporate physical and mental wellbeing elements.



Palmerston Swimming & Fitness Centre
31 Tilston ave, Moulden, NT
P: (08) 8932 3474
[Palmerstonswimmingandfitnesscentre](https://www.palmerstonswimmingandfitnesscentre.com.au)



MODERN HISTORY NEWS

Next Tuesday Dr Lewis will be presenting a talk on the nation's latest Victoria Cross recipient, and its first naval VC, the 18-year-old Teddy Sheean, who manned his gun until the end on board the corvette HMAS Armidale on 1 December 1942, after sailing out of Darwin in November that year. The community has fought for 78 years to him to be recognised for his bravery with this award. All are invited to attend - register through the link: <https://ntl.nt.gov.au/events/dr-tom-lewis-teddy-sheean-ordinary-seamans-last-stand>



OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS

Ten Stage 1 Outdoor Education students participated in a "Crate Climb" at O'Loughlin Catholic College the other day.



Applications close 2 July 2021.

Roy Joseph
Science Coordinator



DIGITAL AND IN-PERSON
STEM LAB VISITS • LECTURES • SITE TOURS
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2022 NYSF
YEAR 12 PROGRAM

APPLY NOW

Year 11 students are eligible to apply
for the 2022 NYSF Year 12 Program
held in January.
Applications open early April.

www.nysf.edu.au

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SCIENCE NEWS



Roy Joseph
Science Coordinator

Inspiring Australia's young scientists -
Applications for the 2022 NYSF Year 12 Program
are now open!

In 2022, the NYSF will deliver a 12-day program
from 10-25 January via a combination of in-
person and digital STEM experiences. 2022
participants will experience everything the
NYSF is famous for, including keynote speakers,
lectures, hands-on workshops, debates, expos
and enriching social activities. In-person STEM
visit days and events will be held over a week of

the program at major city hubs across the country, enabling students
to meet each other and network with like-minded peers. A continuous
program of digital events will run alongside the in-person events
meaning the program is accessible to all.

Current Year 11 students are encouraged to apply.

The NYSF Year 12 Program provides exclusive opportunities for students
who are passionate about STEM education and careers. To apply and
secure your place in one of Australia's top STEM outreach programs,
visit <https://www.nysf.edu.au/programs/year-12-program/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 14 May Netball Round 3
Confalonieri vs McCormack

Mon 17 May Board Meeting 6pm

Week 5 Year 10 Work Experience

NAPLAN

Thu 20 May Asobi Krong after school

Fri 21 May Netball Round4
McGrath vs Hurley

Sun 23 May Penticost

Mon 24 May OLHC Parish Feast Day

Fri 28 May Netball Round 5
Confalonieri vs McGrath

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BUSSY'S CORNER

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School Bus



HUMPTY DOO BUS INTERCHANGE SAFETY ALERT!!

- It is unsafe to walk around the Interchanges unguided
- Please Do Not walk to and from school to the interchanges
- As school doors open, traffic gets a little heavier on our streets, which makes it unsafe for children to walk without guidance
- Students crossing the road on their way to and from school can easily get distracted and step into harm's way
- Your Safety is partly your responsibility, so make the right decision
- If you are not sure what to do, please speak to your driver or Marshall, they are always happy to help



INTERESTING FACTS !!



More than 300 million years ago, the Meganeura established itself as the largest known flying insect to ever exist on Earth.

Please ensure a good understanding of student responsibilities as outlined in the Code of Conduct for School Bus Travel. Click on this link for the Code:

https://nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/547624/code-of-conduct-school-bus-travel.pdf



- Most accidents take place outside the bus
- 5% of crashes from 1981- 1993 occurred due to school bus rolling and turning

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Buslink Humpty Doo Depot Tel 8988 2762



2022 Prospective Enrolments

We invite prospective families to view and experience the warmth and educational opportunities Mother Teresa has to offer you and your family. Please book in for an informative walk through hosted by our senior students or by our Principal Mr. Reuben Johnson.

Student Hosted Tours

Dates and Times

Wednesday 9th June 9am, 11am and 2pm
Friday 11th June 9am, 11am and 2pm
Wednesday 23rd June 9am, 11am and 2pm



Principal Tours

Dates and Times

Thursday 24th June 9am and 2pm

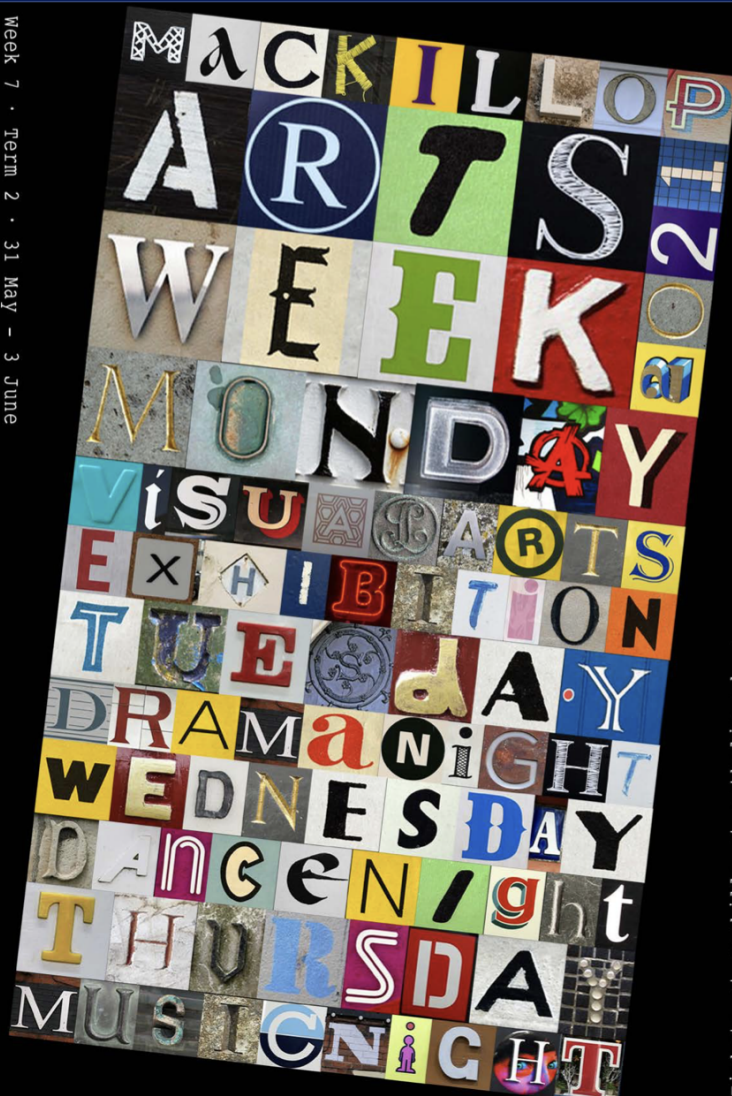
2022 Information Evening

Wednesday 16th June 2021
5.30pm – 6.30pm

Due to COVID19 restrictions you will need to R.S.V.P to the event you would like to attend. Please R.S.V.P to admin.mtpps@nt.catholic.edu.au or call 7969 5600. You will be required to sign into the school on arrival and social distancing measures will be in place.

16 Ginger Street, Zuccoli NT 0832

Week 7 • Term 2 • 31 May – 3 June



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