



# MACKILLOP NEWS

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



Lucas Hurley  
Principal

### Dear Families,

This week (August 27-28) the Church celebrates the consecutive feast days of St Monica and St Augustine. These two saints, although having lived in the 4th century in Hippo (Northern Africa) and later in Milan Italy, are somewhat relatable to the state Christianity finds itself in the 21st century.

Although Monica, the mother of Augustine, was a devout Catholic, Augustine was from a young age heavily influenced by his father and much of his society at that time to embrace a life of hedonism; that is to engage in the constant pursuit of pleasure and sensually self-indulgent practices. In his book, *'The Confessions'*, written after his extraordinary conversion to Catholicism, Augustine elaborates upon what his life consisted of and confesses rather explicitly to what these "sensual" pursuits were.

Augustine was an extremely gifted academic and yet due to his lifestyle, although he had considered the possibility of Christianity, his heart was hardened to accepting Jesus as his Lord and God and he found himself consistently filled with discontentment. It took his mother Monica years of constant prayer and sacrifice for her son, who eventually, in a fascinating series of events, submitted his entire life to God and found the peace he was searching for.

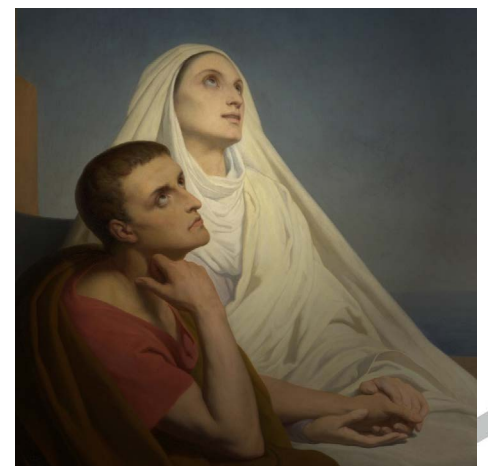
In his personal reflections, Augustine relates that although his sensual pursuits brought some temporary pleasure, nothing he ever indulged in ever gave him a proper or lasting contentment; for he became convicted that God "had made us for himself and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in him" (Confessions). Augustine discovered that one's happiness and ultimate peace could only be possible in and through a relationship with Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace' (Isaiah 9:6).

Saint Monica's and Augustine's stories are relatable to Christianity in the modern world, primarily because for many, like the people of their era, the pursuit of pleasure has been placed above a visible relationship with God. In other words, it appears that in our society, we have created many avenues for an acceptable practice of self-indulgence, however, there doesn't seem to be a correlating level of visible self-contentment. How do we discover peace in our hearts and how would these two saints respond to that question?

St Monica and St Augustine, pray for us.

God bless,

*Lucas Hurley*  
Principal



*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*

# STUDENT FREE DAY: FRIDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWS

From our Youth Ministry Coordinator



**Tammy Botha**  
Youth Ministry  
Coordinator

### Adide Youth Group

There is an exciting opportunity for all students at MacKillop. Adide youth group will be held on Sunday the 29th of August. The youth group starts at 7pm with 6pm Mass beforehand, finishing at 8:30pm. The youth group is an opportunity for them to explore their faith, understand their purpose, and to be a part of a caring, safe and welcoming community. This is done through activities, games, opportunity for prayer and nurturing who they are. Please support your child or young person by bringing them along

to Our Lady Help of Christians parish, Emery Ave, Palmerston, dinner will be provided. If you would like to get in contact with anyone organising the youth group, email: [tamara.botha@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tamara.botha@nt.catholic.edu.au)

Thank you,

*Tammy Botha*  
Youth Ministry Coordinator

From Our Parish Priest - Fr Tom English

### Upcoming Confirmation Preparation Dates:

**Tuesday 7th September**

**Twilight Retreat - Candidates meet at 5pm.  
Reconciliation 7pm, with parents and sponsors,  
followed by a BBQ.**

**Tuesday 14th September**

**Practice. 7pm, Candidates, parents and sponsors.**

**Friday 17th September**

**Confirmation 6pm**

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# Confirmation

**Taking Place in September.**  
**Group meets**  
**every Sunday at 5pm**  
**in the meeting room near the Grotto at the Church**

**FOR YEAR 6 AND OLDER**  
**SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND FIRST COMMUNION CAN BE RECEIVED AT SAME TIME.**

**SPEAK TO FATHER TOM FOR MORE INFORMATION - 0424 971 017**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace be with you

How do we realise ourselves?  
How do we find happiness?  
How do we learn the art of living?

Jesus says he has come to bring Good News to the poor  
He has the answer to this fundamental question.  
I will show you the path of life  
I am the path

All of us are poor  
We experience the inability of joy  
That is the inability of love

We need to learn the art of living.

The art of living can only be communicated by one who has life  
by Jesus Christ  
The Good News personified

Come and listen to a series of talks  
On Monday and Thursday at 7.30pm  
Starting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August

These talks are in the meeting room of Our Lady Help of Christians Church  
corner of Emery Avenue and Harrison Circuit  
It is for Youth and Adults  
Babysitting in adjoining room

Fr Tom English  
Parish Priest  
Mob: 0424 971 017



## ARTS NEWS

### Young Musician of the Year

2021 Young Musician of the Year is coming up soon, with the Senior competition taking place on the 15th September and Juniors on the 17th. See the music staff for more info.



## SAINTS NEWS

### Rugby is Back!

Join us for an informal information session lunchtime Friday Week 7 (the 3rd), followed by an official launch night on Wednesday the 8th (Week 8). All are welcome, and we look forward to welcoming new club members. Training starts Monday Week 9.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fri 27 Aug** Ultimate Frisbee Round 5  
Confalonieri V McGrath
- 31 Aug - 3 Sep** Tabletop Track Hike - Outdoor Ed
- Wed 1 Sep** College Tour 5pm
- Thu 2 Sep** Asobi Krong After School
- Fri 3 Sep** Ultimate Frisbee Round 6  
Hurley V McCormack
- Yr 7** Father's Day Breakfast on the Go
- Saints Rugby Season Launch info session at lunchtime**

- Tue 7 Sep** Queensland Ballet Dance Workshops
- Wed 8 Sep** Saints Rugby Season Launch Event
- Fri 10 Sep** Student Free Day
- Mon 13 Sep** College Board AGM
- Rugby Training Starts**
- Thu 16 Sep** Asobi Krong After School
- Fri 17 Sep** Ultimate Frisbee Grand Final
- 20 - 24 Sep** Year 10 Work Experience





# GET SET FOR YEAR 7!

**COME ALONG TO OUR NEXT COLLEGE TOUR  
5PM WED 1<sup>ST</sup> SEP 2021**

FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS, PARENTS AND FAMILIES FOR 2022 AND BEYOND.  
TEA, COFFEE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.

EXPLORE OUR CAMPUS, MEET OUR STAFF AND LEADERSHIP, CHECK OUT OUR FACILITIES,  
LEARN ABOUT EVERYTHING WE OFFER, AND HAVE ALL YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED.



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PRESENTS

# LECATO 2021

4th - 6th October

MUSIC CAMP THEME: VIDEO GAMES AND MOVIES



At the Centre for Youth and Community Music (CCDU)

For students aged 10-18 who play an orchestral instrument  
(including piano and guitar)

Register now: [trybooking.com/BASAX](http://trybooking.com/BASAX)

Registration due 24th September  
Early bird price 1st July - 31st July

Advanced programs available for more experienced players  
For more information contact [Legatodarwin@gmail.com](mailto:Legatodarwin@gmail.com)

# ASOBI KRONG

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

*AFTER SCHOOL ON THURSDAYS OF:  
WEEK 2, 5, 7 & 9 IN TERM 3 2021*

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



**SEE MS KHOO  
FOR MORE DETAILS!**

**Please Nominate to join the Mackillop  
Catholic College Board!**

[mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/college-board/nomination](http://mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/college-board/nomination)

For more information on what the Board does:  
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The Mackillop Catholic College  
Board cordially invites all  
parents and carers  
in the Mackillop community  
to our

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Monday 13th September 2021, 6pm**  
In the Staff Meeting Room Upstairs, A Block

We have many positions on  
the Board this year and  
would love as many parents/carers  
as possible to join

- to share ideas for the College
- to represent the interests  
of our community
- to guide the best possible educational  
opportunities for students

*Ros Burrowes and Amber Stevens*  
Secretary and Chairperson of the Board

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