



MACKILLOP NEWS

TERM 4 WEEK 2 20TH OCTOBER 2021

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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, the Church celebrates the life of Pope Saint John Paul II. In 1998, I had the privilege of personally meeting John Paul II, following the attendance of a private mass, which he celebrated in the company of only 22 people. This day remains a very special personal memory of mine.

So highly respected and revered was the man that when he died in 2005, his funeral became the largest in human history, with over 4 million people in attendance. Why was he so loved and why is he now, as a saint of the Catholic Church, considered one of the greatest Popes of all time? Well, there have been multiple biographies written on his life, which have attempted to articulate the answer to these questions. I would like, however, to highlight only two aspects of John Paul II's remarkable life, which have always been standouts to me.

Firstly, almost 20 years on from his death, historians are increasingly acknowledging that it was John Paul II who was the main influence on the demise of Communism in Europe and which ultimately led to the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, the symbol of the "Iron Curtain". It was John Paul II's experiences as a young man in Poland, under Communist dictatorship and then the invasion of the Nazis, and personally witnessing the atrocities of the holocaust in WWII, that motivated John Paul II to become a champion of human life and a protector of human dignity and freedom.

Secondly, as a direct result of his preaching and writings against Communism and other forms of evil, it was on May 13, 1981, that an assassination attempt was made on John Paul II's life. In St Peter's Square the would-be assassin, Ali Acga, shot John Paul II twice in the chest. Miraculously to the doctors involved, and to the amazement of Acga himself, a professional marksman, the Pope survived. Probably the most incredible aspect of that event is what happened when John Paul II was released from hospital. Although the shooting had detrimental effects on his health for the rest of his life, one of the first things he did shortly after his recovery, was to visit Acga in prison and personally forgive him for what he did. In my humble opinion, that's the mercy of God personified. Acga later gave his life to Jesus and converted to Catholicism.

Saint Pope John Paul II, pray for us.

God bless,

Lucas Hurley
Principal



The Pope visiting Acga in prison and forgiving him.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - PASTORAL CARE



Candice Slingerland

Deputy Principal - Pastoral
Care

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that you have had a restful and relaxing break. Term 4 is a time that many events take place and it can be a traditionally stressful time within a school. In an aim to reduce stresses, I wanted to remind you of the support in place and key people within the college should your child or your family need extra support this term.

Your first point of call within the College is always your child's home form teacher as they will be able to assist or direct you with the support that you need. Following that your child's Pastoral Care Coordinator is always willing to assist with wellbeing needs. We have access to the Inclusion Support team and the AIEW teams within the College for students to access when the needs arises or for some advice in any given situation. Miss Tammy is currently set up in the Wellbeing Office should your child need some support throughout the day and we have access to Catholic Care counsellors as well throughout the week.

Our goal is to see out the 2021 calendar year strong with happy and safe students. Please let us know if we can assist in any way this term.

Salam Hangat,

Candice Slingerland
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Care

Keith & Florence Payne National Schools Indigenous Art Award

This award is open to any
Aboriginal or Torres Strait
Islander Students with an
interest in visual art

The first prize winner of this
award will win art supplies
and get to work and learn
from a mentor of their
choice. The School where
the winning student attends
will also win Art supplies
from Jacksons to the value
of \$500.

For more information call
Kamahi Djordon King on
0889723751

or visit www.gyracc.org.au



ARTS NEWS

Art Exhibition Opening



MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE PRESENTS

THE LION KING

BROADWAY'S AWARD-WINNING BEST MUSICAL

JUNE 2022



HANDOUTS

WEEK 10 TERM 3 (20-21 SEP)

AUDITIONS

WEEK 2 TERM 4 (19-22 OCT AFTER SCHOOL)

SEE MRS EZZY FOR MORE INFORMATION

APPLE FOR THE TEACHER

Recognise the Work of a Great Teacher!

Hot100FM radio has launched their "Apple for the Teacher" recognition programme for 2021.

Nominations are open for the next two weeks, and then voting will take place in the two weeks following that.

This is a good opportunity to recognise some of the fantastic work many of our teachers do.

The nomination link: hot100fm.com.au/win/win-now/105181-apple-for-the-teacher-2021



CAREERS NEWS

Year 10 Work Experience Week - Isabella Working with Lia Finocchiaro MLA



LANGUAGES NEWS

Come down to Asobi Krong next week for some great Japanese food and culture!




Palmerston Campus Careers Expo

Thursday 18 November 2021
80 University Avenue, Palmerston
3pm – 7pm

Explore training and course options in tourism, hospitality, events, cookery, bakery, butchery, sport and recreation, retail, ICT, business, hairdressing and beauty services.

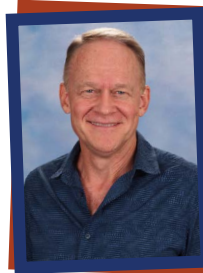
Register on (08) 8946 7800 or
Palmerston@cdu.edu.au

ARMY CADETS NEWS

Congratulations to the Australian Army Cadets - Northern Territory Battalion, whose drill squad, under the capable leadership of Cadet Under Officer Zoe Grant, recently won the NATIONAL drill competition - the first time ever that an NT team has done so.



FINANCE NEWS



Gary Ninneman
Business Manager

Dear Families,

I apologise for the belated announcement of our new Finance Officer responsible for all Family accounts and other Accounts Receivable. Krissie Smith joined us on the 23rd August, she comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge, and we are blessed to have her join the Finance team.

Thank you for your incredible patience with us as regards the new Financial and Administration system. Whilst most of the data migration problems have been largely resolved, there are a number of issues that are unresolved and are still a work-in-progress. The result of this is that we are as yet still unable to issue invoices for Electives in Term 3. We hope that this will be resolved shortly. Electives for Terms 3 and 4 will most likely be invoiced together.

Regarding Family Account numbers and references: When making payments, you are more than welcome to continue to utilise your "old" familiar Family reference or BPAY numbers. We are still able to correctly allocate payments irrespective of which Family reference you use.

Please feel free to communicate with us if you have any queries or questions. Due to the volume of calls, it would probably be best to flick us an email: finance.makillop@nt.catholic.edu.au

Thank you,

Gary Ninneman
Business Manager

EAGLE GROUP NEWS

Blitz Chess Develops Thinking Under Pressure

MacKillop's Gifted and Talented Group has embarked on their latest challenge, a Blitz Chess playoff over term 4.

Blitz Chess sees players compete in a limited time for victory. In this tournament, each year level member must play three times against each other student in that year level. The games are five minutes a person, so 10 minutes in total. Time is kept on a chess clock.

Not only do players have to think fast, they have the pressure of a steadily ticking clock to play against. Noise from other games is also a factor, although players are forbidden to "slap down" their timer, or bang the pieces.

By week 8, we should have a winner for each year level. Those champions will then compete for the grand prize: MacKillop's Blitz Chess Champion. The Group Co-ordinator, Dr Lewis, is currently refusing to confirm or deny a rumour that the final game will be played and televised on a giant screen in front of the entire school.



SCIENCE NEWS

Marble Roller Coasters



SAINTS NEWS

From the Director of Rugby



Matt Sharp
Director of Rugby

During the holidays I had the opportunity to assist for a half day at an NRL NT development camp held in Darwin, with participants travelling from as far away as Alice Springs to attend the event. While helping out, it was wonderful to see so many MacKillop students putting in the off-season hours to further develop their skills. On the weekend following the camp, I had the opportunity to complete the Level 2 Rugby League Coach course and network with other coaches from the local area and interstate. It was a valuable course with a lot of takeaways to bring back and establish into practice in our

Saints Rugby League offerings. A big thank you to the staff at the NRL NT office for their continued support of all things rugby league involving MacKillop's coaches and players.

This week our u14s Boys side open their campaign in the NTRU Wet Season competition. Our Girls team will kick off their season the following week after an organisational delay with the competition. This year interest has been high for Rugby following a successful showing at the NT Schools Union Gala Day where our Girls team came away from the event as champions, with our Boys A team taking away the silver medal. Numbers have been very strong at training but need to be supported by registrations. Players won't be able to take the field if they haven't registered prior to the opening round of matches this Friday.

On Tuesday in Week 3 we look forward to welcoming Palmerston College for the annual Palmerston Cup fixture. PC are the current champions for this event and our Saints Open Boys team will be keen to win it back for the school in what will be the final match for the club for a number of our students, most notably those completing Year 12 this term. Kick off for the main event will be at 12.30pm with u14s Boys and Girls playing in the curtain raiser matches from 11am. Parents of our Year 12 students in particular are most welcome and encouraged to attend.

Yours in Rugby,

Matt Sharp

Director of Rugby (League and Union) - MacKillop Saints



PALMERSTON CUP 2021

TUESDAY 26TH OCTOBER

U14 BOYS - 11AM
U14 GIRLS - 11:45AM
U18 BOYS - 12:30PM
PRESENTATION - 1:35PM



MACKILLOP VS PALMERSTON COLLEGE
COME DOWN AND SUPPORT OUR TEAMS!

How to Sign Up To Play For The Saints

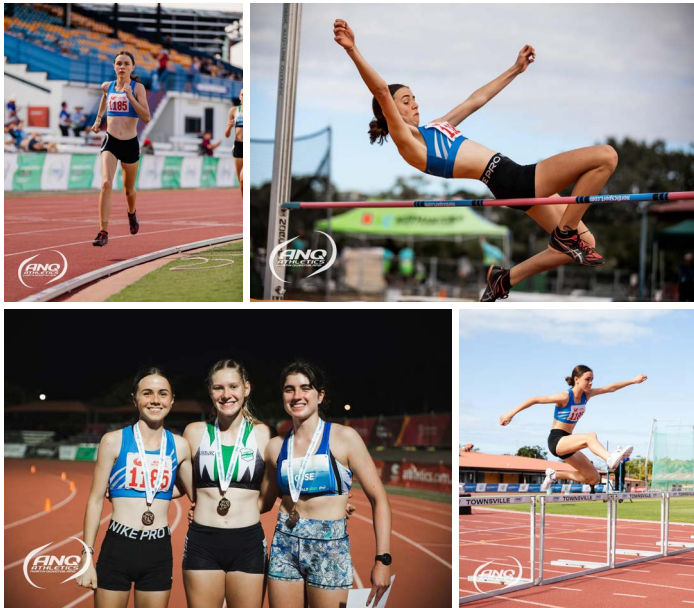
1. Download the **Rugby Xplorer** app from your mobile app store, or go to the **Rugby Xplorer** website.
2. Set up an account – in the app, click **More** (it has an icon of 3 dots - ●●●), then fill out your details under **My Profile**.
3. After that, also in the **More** section, click **Register** (icon of a pencil), **Find a Club** (under **Play Rugby**), tick your name, click **Next**, and in the search box find **MacKillop Saints Rugby**. Tick this option.
4. Go through the rest of the registration process in the app. The club staff will be notified when you have signed up.
5. You will receive your sign-up pack, including your kit for the season.

Welcome to the Saints for the 2021/22 Season!

SPORT NEWS

Athletics Champ Ella Day

Congratulations Ella Day, who recently won bronze in the Heptathlon at National Athletics Championships in North Queensland!



Well Done MacKillop - PARRS Beach Volleyball Winners for both Boys and Girls!



From the Acting Head of HPE



Roxy Claire
Acting Head of HPE and Sport

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As some of you may know, I will be the Acting Head of Health, Physical Education and Sports for the next year whilst Mrs Gale is on maternity leave. Here is an update on the many awesome opportunities I encourage your children to participate in within these areas.

MacKillop College Swimming Carnival – Week 2 Wednesday 20th October

Please refer to attached Swimming Carnival Letter and Permission Form for all details and return it ASAP if interested. Those choosing not to attend this optional event, will have classes as timetabled.

Palmerston and Regional / Rural Sports (PARRS):

PARRS events are an optional opportunity for students to represent their College at the regional level. Through these sports events, they develop their College values and athletic performance whilst connecting with students from other schools.

Year 7, 8 HPE – Swim!

Term 4 includes the Swimming NT instructors leading 4-week blocks at the pool. Participation in this program could well save their lives, through learning the life-skill of swimming. Please support this by returning the attached permission form with details of any medical, inclusion support, mental health, or otherwise concerns clearly outlined on it. This is a compulsory and curriculum-related program during HPE lessons, so therefore attendance and participation is expected from all for this.

Year 9 HPE – Dance!

Term 4 includes external and internal Dance teachers leading two 4-week blocks with combined classes in dancing through different styles, beats and rhythms! Parental promotion of them 'giving it a go' is most appreciated with this, as the benefits in building health and wellbeing through dancing are welcomed and backed by research. Instructors will be connecting them with music and moves from their era (and likely seen throughout social media), as well as trialling some more traditional or cultural styles. This is a compulsory and curriculum-related program during HPE lessons, so therefore attendance and participation is expected from all.

Kind regards,

Roxy Claire

Acting Head of HPE and Sport

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 20 Oct Year 6 into 7 day and info evening

Swimming Carnival

Thu 21 Oct Rugby Training 3:30pm

Fri 22 Oct End of Year 12 Non-Examinable Subjects

Lunchtime Volleyball - McGrath vs Confalonieri

First Rugby Game of Season - Saints vs Swampdogs - 8:10pm at Rugby Park

Mon 25 Oct Rugby Training 3:30pm

Board Meeting 6pm

Tue 26 Oct Palmerston Cup Rugby League

Year 9 into 10 Information Night

27-28 Oct Year 9 Outdoor Ed Litchfield Excursion

Thu 28 Oct Asobi Krong - Japanese - 3:30pm

Rugby Training 3:30pm

Fri 29 Oct Lunchtime Volleyball - Hurley vs McGrath

Rugby Game - University Pirates - 8:10pm

Mon 1 Nov COVID-19 Vaccinations - Dose 2 Years 7, 8, 9, 10 - Library


Rugby Training 3:30pm

Wed 3 Nov AIEW - Aboriginal & Islander Sash Presentation

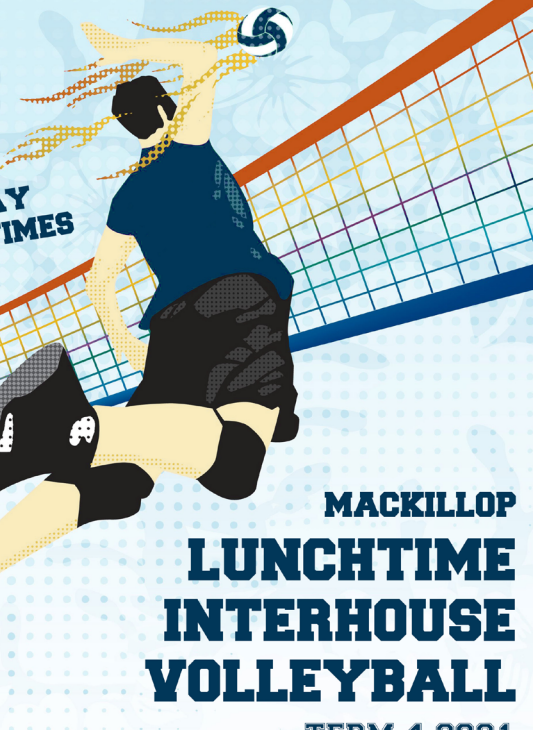
Thu 4 Nov Rugby Training 3:30pm

Fri 5 Nov Lunchtime Volleyball - McCormack vs Confalonieri

Rugby Game - Casuarina Cougars



FRIDAY LUNCHTIMES




MACKILLOP LUNCHTIME INTERHOUSE VOLLEYBALL

TERM 4 2021

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| WEEK 1 | MCCORMACK VS HURLEY |
| WEEK 2 | MCCRATH VS CONFALONIERI |
| WEEK 3 | HURLEY VS MCCRATH |
| WEEK 4 | MCCORMACK VS CONFALONIERI |
| WEEK 5 | HURLEY VS CONFALONIERI |
| WEEK 6 | MCCRATH VS MCCORMACK |
| GRAND FINAL - WEEK 7 | |

SEE Ms CLAIRE FOR MORE INFORMATION



YEAR 9 INTO 10

INFORMATION NIGHT

WEEK 3, TERM 4
TUESDAY 26TH OCTOBER
STARTING AT 6PM

GET YOUR 2022 MACKILLOP UNIFORMS READY FOR YEAR 7!

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ONLY IN TERM 4 2021

FULL UNIFORM SET - \$140

2 X FORMAL SHIRTS 2 X FORMAL SHORTS

PLACE YOUR ORDER THROUGH
MACKILLOPNT.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU/UNIFORMS2022

OUR UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN:

TUESDAYS: 8:15AM - 9:30AM
FRIDAYS: 2PM - 4PM

UNIFORMS MUST BE PAID FOR BEFORE COLLECTION.

NO HOLD ON SIZES, TRY ONS MUST BE WITHIN THE ALLOCATED OPENING HOURS.

YR 7 PE UNIFORMS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE IN TERM 4 2022.

Hi, I'm Lillee Yewsang in grade 12 and on March 12, 2022, I will be shaving my head and donating my hair for the Leukemia Foundation. My goal is to raise \$1000 so it will be greatly appreciated if you could sponsor me. To donate you can scan the code down below 😊

It doesn't have to be much. Every cent helps!

Thank you!!

