



# 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,*

The season of Advent is the season of hope, expectation and of waiting for the day we celebrate the birthday of our saviour, Jesus Christ. One of St Mary MacKillop's most revered saints was St John the Baptist, one of Jesus' cousins. John the Baptist played a crucial role in preparing the Jewish people to receive Jesus as he began his public ministry. Quoting the Prophet Isaiah, John said to the people, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight your paths" (Jn 1:23). Advent, then, is traditionally a time of self-reflection, or rather, an examination of oneself in terms of how a person stands in their personal relationship to God. Advent is a time of 'straightening paths' in our lives, in other words, a time of reflecting on those aspects or patterns of behaviour within ourselves which, in our heart of hearts, needs ironing out. "Too hard", you say. "I've been trying to change for years, it's not possible, it's just the way I am". Well, that's because it is impossible for us to change these types of things on our own; and this is precisely the Christmas message; that God sent his only Son, Jesus, as saviour; we need a saviour that can help us. Everyone who turns to Jesus in their need, will find strength to make the changes we know we need to make..... to be re-born, as a new child in God's sight. In the words of the Christmas carol, "O come O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel".

Have a merry Christmas and a peace and joy filled New Year.

*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*



## ARTS NEWS

### Arts Week - Visual Art Exhibition



### Arts Week - Drama Night



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## Arts Week - Dance Night



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### Arts Week - Music Night



**Amber Stevens**  
Chairperson - MacKillop  
Catholic College Board

To Students, Families, Carers, Staff and MCC Community,

On behalf of the MacKillop Catholic College Board we would like to wish you and yours a merry Christmas and health and happiness for the new year. 2021 was a year filled with change for our College.

We farewelled our founding Principal Mrs Laretta Graham, as well as her husband Mr Michael Graham as Deputy Principal Pastoral Care. Mr David Graham; in multiple important roles in the Arts and Sports departments, also moved on. We are grateful for their invaluable contributions.

Covid-19 and all related events also impacted the College profoundly. Lockdowns, lockouts and vaccinations for students and staff all presented challenges for the College to meet. The Board would like to acknowledge the extra dedication from all staff during this trying year.

Special acknowledgement for Miss Candice Slingerland for her efforts as acting Deputy Principal in 2021, and Mr Peter Moloney who served as Principal for Semester 1.

The Board was strongly involved in the appointments of the new Principal Mr Lucas Hurley and Mr John Mannah as Deputy Principal - Pastoral Care. As an advisory Board, we are grateful Catholic Education NT acknowledged MCC's input in the process of appointing these most important roles for our future. With the appointment of new leadership position holders, our College can now move towards an exciting future, enabling over 750 students to receive the best Catholic Education possible. We are very much looking forward to working with Mr Hurley in achieving his visions for the College.

We would like to congratulate all our graduating students on their achievements and wish them luck in their future endeavours. We also congratulate all students who received awards for their achievements through 2021.

We give praise to the drama, dance and music students for their wonderful performances and also to our amazing Saints sporting teams for all their successes this year.

*With warmest regards,*

*Amber Stevens*

Chairperson - MacKillop Catholic College Board

## CAFÉ NEWS

**Remember: The Café will be closed from Tuesday this week. Please pack lunches for your children.**



## CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWS



Richard Milne  
APRE

Christmas reminds us of the importance of Joseph's role in the birth and life of Jesus Christ. He accepted Mary and events unconditionally, even those he did not understand, setting aside his own ideas and reconciling himself with his own history. Faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad, therefore Joseph did not look for shortcuts, but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it. In practice, we are called to welcome and accept others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the poor, the abandoned, the victims of exclusion and

adversity.

Pope Francis said that against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, it has helped us see more clearly the importance of 'ordinary' people, who though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this social context, they resemble St Joseph, the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence, who nonetheless played an incomparable role in the history of salvation.

Have a safe and happy Christmas.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Richard Milne*

Assistant Principal - Religious Education

## EAGLE GROUP NEWS

The gifted and talented class, Eagle Group, under the guidance of Dr Tom Lewis and Mrs Shirley Donnelly, have been working hard this year putting together the 2021 Yearbook. They have created an excellent publication which was distributed this week. Well done Eagle Group!



## YEAR 12 2022 NEWS

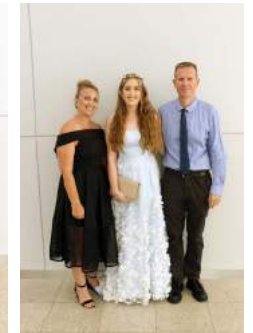
### 2022 Jerseys

Orders for 2022 Senior Jerseys need to be done by the 17th December - an order form was sent out to Year 12 families. We have example sizes here if students wish to try them on.



## YEAR 12 2021 NEWS

### Graduation



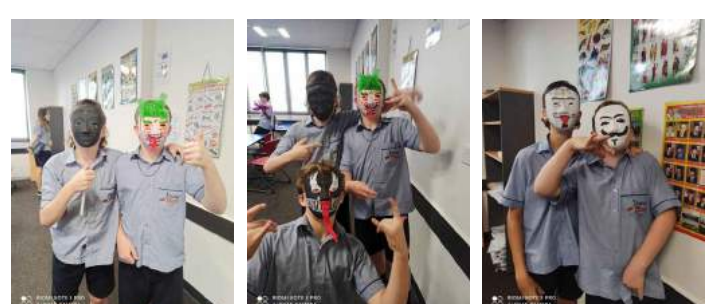


## LANGUAGES NEWS

### Darwin City Scavenger Hunt



### Year 7 Indonesian Beginners Making Masks



### Indian Asobi Krong



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## LIBRARY NEWS



Please return your Library loans to the Library. 2022 returning students are welcome to borrow books to read over the holidays.

Darcy Hall  
Rhikali Nibbs  
Brody Reed  
Chloe Coombes  
Caleb McKay  
Matthew Jones  
Tyler McGowan  
Chrisma Samson  
Anthony Ridolfi  
Harrison Fisher



A massive thank you to our sponsors for their support and generosity, it was very much appreciated.

## WELL DONE MADDI

Congratulations Maddison Carrier (Year 10), who volunteers for St Johns NT across various community events, who has gained her First Aid certificate!



The VET Staff would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Blessed New Year.



We look forward to seeing you all in 2022.

## VET AND CAREERS NEWS



That's a WRAP...

Congratulation to all our students on their exceptional performance this academic year for successfully completed their VET qualifications. A special congratulations to our 2021 Award Winners.

*God bless,*

*Patricia Sweeney Fawcett*  
Managing Director - MacKillop RTO

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## Palmerston Youth Skills Centre

Students undertaking VET training at the new Palmerston Youth Skills Centre.

- Cert II Kitchen Operations Cailei Bolwell, Matthew Neuman, Isabella Osborne
- Cert I Electro-comms Jeremy Fleming, Ryan Kennedy, Saxon Packer
- Cert I Automotive Christopher Potter, DJ Brown



## VET Student Awards

We celebrated our 2021 Vocational Education and Training (VET) Student Awards. Congratulations to all our students on their efforts this year! We had a fabulous evening celebrating their success.



## SAINTS NEWS

### An Unbeatable Year for the Saints

The first half of the 2021/22 Season of the local Rugby Union competition has wrapped up, to return in the new year. So far our boys are undefeated, and our girls are building the numbers to lead the way in putting their own competition on the map. We couldn't be prouder of the efforts of both these teams. We have plenty to look forward to with Saints in 2022 across all sports. Interstate tours may again be on the cards! Stay tuned.



The Rugby Shop is a locally owned business, connected to our local community. We would like to thank the staff, students and their families for your ongoing loyalty to our business. In acknowledgment of your support we offer the following in-store discounts to the MacKillop College community.

1. 15% off all MacKillop Saints Apparel
2. 10% off all non-sale Merchandise store-wide

Check us out on:-

Facebook, Instagram & our Website  
[www.therugbyshop.com.au](http://www.therugbyshop.com.au)

The Rugby Shop.....56 Smith Street,  
 Darwin City  
 Phone:- 89811433



## SPORT NEWS

### Aidan Signs with A-League Club

Congratulations Aidan da Costa-Pereira, who has been signed to the Brisbane Roar A-League football club. Aidan has shown impressive commitment to this sport over the years. This year Aidan played in the MPL which is the men's competition. He was the youngest player to be fielded. He also played in the FFA Cup, the national competition, for his team the Casuarina Football Club and represented the Northern Knights in the NAIDOC and Remembrance Day games. Northern Knights is the men's NT rep side. Whilst Casuarina did not go through to the next round in the FFA Cup, Aidan played very well and was asked to remain in QLD an extra 2 weeks to train with the Brisbane Roar. As a result of this, Aidan was asked to sign with Brisbane Roar for a two year contract. This will unfortunately mean we will be farewelling Aidan as he will be moving to Brisbane, but we look forward to seeing his sporting career progress!



### Students Experience Sport for the Visually Impaired

Last week Aaron in Year 10 arranged for James and his crew from Disability Sports NT to come out and teach his classmates about a specially modified version of Aussie Rules football for visually impaired people. Students wore special glasses that simulated a variety of visual impairments and used footballs that emitted a constant sound to enable them to be followed, caught and kicked. All the students involved had a great time and expressed interest in having more sports like this being played here in the future. In recognition of his efforts and leadership in bringing this event about, James presented Aaron with a fully signed guernsey of his favourite AFL team - the West Coast Eagles.



### Staff vs Students Volleyball





## PARRS

### 2022 Top End Region 15 Years and Under Girls Netball Trials



#### TRIALS

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Monday	February 7	3:30pm-5:00pm	Mackillop Catholic College
Tuesday	February 8	3:30pm-5:00pm	
Wednesday	February 9	3:30pm-5:00pm	

#### Registrations are now open

Top End Region needs student registrations in 2021 to nominate teams for the Sport Education NT Championships in 2022. Please register your child NOW for 2022.

#### 15 Years and Under Girls

ELIGIBILITY - Girls born between - 1 July 2006 - 31 December 2009 (age dispensation applies)

#### Championship Dates

15 Years and Under Championships to be held in Darwin, March 15-17, 2022.

#### Registration

To register or for more information contact the Top End Sport Education Office or see your school's sports contact.



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#### TRIALS

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday	February 16	3:30pm-5:00pm	Palmerston College 10-12 Campus
Thursday	February 17	3:30pm-5:00pm	

#### Registrations are now open

Top End Region needs student registrations in 2021 to nominate teams for the Sport Education NT Championships in 2022. Please register your child NOW for 2022.

#### 12 Years and Under Girls and Boys

ELIGIBILITY - born between - 1 July 2009 - 31 December 2012 (age dispensation applies)

#### 15 Years and Under Girls and Boys

ELIGIBILITY - born between - 1 January 2007 - 31 December 2009 (no age dispensation.)

#### Championship Dates

12 & 15 Years and Under Boys and Girls Championships to be held in Darwin, April 27- 29, 2022.

#### Registration

To register or for more information contact the Top End Sport Education Office or see your school's sports contact.



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### TOP END REGION 2022 TRIALS CALENDAR

Date and Time	Event	Sport	Age Group	Venue	
February 7/8/9	3:30pm - 5:00pm	Inter-region trials	Netball	15 Years and Under	Mackillop Catholic College
February 10/14/15	3:30pm - 5:00pm	Inter-region trials	Australian Football	12 Years and Under	Palmerston College 10-12 Campus
February 16/17	3:30pm - 5:00pm	Inter-region trials	Touch Football	12 and 15 Years and Under	Palmerston College 10-12 Campus
March 8/9/10	3:30pm - 5:00pm	Inter-region trials	Cricket	12 Years and Under	Southern Districts Cricket Club
March 22/23/24	3:30pm - 5:00pm	Inter-region trials	Netball	12 Years and Under	Gray Primary School
April 26 - Self Nominations Trials TBC after Nominations received	Inter-region nominations/trials	Tennis	12 Years and Under	Contact Top End Region for Forms	
May 10/11/12	3:30pm-5:00pm	Inter-region trials	Football (soccer)	12 Years and Under	Palmerston College 10-12 Campus
June 16	8:00am - 2:00pm	Inter-school sport/trial	Track and Field	Middle/Senior Schools	TBC (Arakura Stadium-Marrara) or RAC-Fred's Pass
July 26	8:30am -2:00pm	Inter-school sport/trial	Track and Field	Primary Schools	RAC (Fred's Pass)

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN - for a registration form or more information please contact Top End Sport Education at [topendsport.doe@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:topendsport.doe@education.nt.gov.au) or ph: 8944 9401. mob: 0448 117 660.



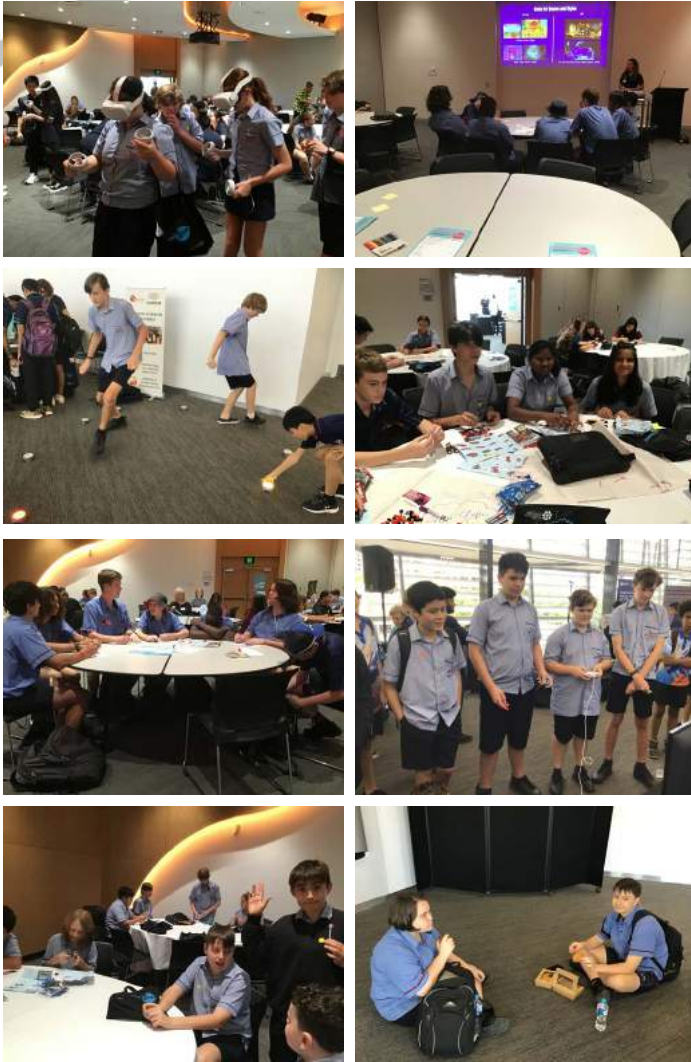
## STEM NEWS

### Innovation Zone Excursion

There was a range of activities at this event: Putting together personal safety device, collecting data from a personal safety device, making creations with Lego, including a bridge, something with 6 and 16 bricks, playing with VR and AR sets and inter-school esports .







## Lego League Territory Champions



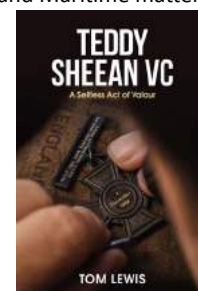
## Science Awards



## SAM BATEMAN BOOK PRIZE

Congratulations Dr Tom Lewis OAM on winning the ANI Commodore Sam Bateman Book Prize for his book "Teddy Sheean VC - A Selfless Act of Valour".

In its inaugural year, the Commodore Sam Bateman Book Prize has been contested by 11 highly distinguished pieces that promote the study and understanding of Naval and Maritime matters.





## ARMY CADETS NEWS

Congratulations Zoe Grant, who had been promoted to Regional Cadet Under Officer of the Northern Territory - making her the highest ranking cadet in the NT. Speak to Zoe if you are interested in getting involved in Army Cadets.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed 15 Dec **Guitar Ensemble**
- Mackillop Dance Company**
- Thu 16 Dec **Final Day for Students**
- End of Year Liturgy**
- Sat 25 Dec **Christmas**
- Sat 1 Jan **New Year's Day**
- Wed 2 Feb **Students return for Term 1 2022**

## YEAR 6 FAMILIES, Now is the time to organise High School for 2022

Call 8930 4708 or email  
[madison.fleming@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:madison.fleming@nt.catholic.edu.au)  
to get the process underway or if you have any questions.  
See [mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au](http://mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au) for more information

# Christmas

## Mass Times for Palmerston 2021

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH**  
*Corner of Emery Ave. and Harrison Circuit, Woodroffe • Fr Tom English*

**Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses** - Every Morning 4:30am Starting Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Second Rite of Reconciliation** - Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:30pm - Bring a Plate

**CHRISTMAS EVE - Fri 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
Children's Mass - 7pm  
Midnight Mass - 12 Midnight

**CHRISTMAS DAY - Sat 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
Masses at 8:30am and 6pm

Monday January 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Darwin**

# Cartoon Workshops

**HEY MUM!**  
CAN WE GO TO THE CARTOONING CAMP?

We'll get to draw all our favourite cartoon characters... Play Games, Eat Party food!

Make cool stuff with craft materials! Learn painting techniques!

Sure sounds like fun, in it's very reasonably priced!

I'll ring Mrs. Field & see if she wants to book in!

**AND HEAPS MORE!**

**\$50 for Short Day / \$55 for Long Day**  
**\$35 for Thursday night camp**  
[www.illustrating-man.com.au](http://www.illustrating-man.com.au)

### EARLY BIRD

Book the full week (Long Days) before 5pm Monday December 13<sup>th</sup> for the Early Bird Special & receive cartooning books valued at \$48



**Booking enquiries: 8.30am - 4.30pm (EST)**  
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### HOW TO BOOK

- Go to our site: [www.illustrating-man.com.au](http://www.illustrating-man.com.au)
- Click the Cartoon Camp Button on our home page
- Select your location Darwin & complete the form
- Please ensure your email address is correct
- We will email you a confirmation within the week
- Please check your junk mail - sometimes emails with attachments may go in there
- We look forward to welcoming your children
- If paying with PayPal - we will write to your PayPal email address

