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Catholic College

TERM 2, WEEK 5 NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL

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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Dear MacKillop Catholic College Community,

The election of Pope Leo XIV marks another significant chapter in the long and storied history of the Papacy, a tradition that traces its roots back over two millennia to the very words of Jesus Christ. This election, like those

tradition, was chosen by Jesus Christ Himself to lead His Church. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus declares to Peter, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). This foundational moment not only designates

back to the Twelve Apostles. Peter's leadership laid the groundwork for the Papacy, and his legacy endured long after his martyrdom in Rome. His role as the visible head of the Church would be filled by his successors,

before it, serves as the enduring role of the Papacy in guiding the Catholic Church and shaping the course of history. The history of the Papacy begins with St. Peter, the fisherman from Galilee, who, according to Christian

Peter as the first Pope but also establishes the principle of Apostolic Succession, where the authority granted to Peter is passed down through the ages to each subsequent Pope. Our local bishop, Bishop Charles, is part of the Apostolic Succession, being able to trace his lineage

each assuming responsibility for preserving and guiding the faith as the Church grew and spread throughout the world. In the early centuries of Christianity, the Papacy was not without its challenges.

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Christians were persecuted under Roman emperors, and the bishops of Rome, led by the Pope, faced immense trials. However, as the Church grew in influence, particularly following the Edict of Milan in 313 AD, the role of the Pope became more prominent. By the time of Emperor Constantine's conversion and the establishment of Christianity as the Roman Empire's official religion, the Papacy had evolved from a persecuted

faced new challenges; the Protestant Reformation, the French Revolution, the rise of secularism and the shifting values of the modern world. The election of Pope Leo XIV is a continuation of spiritual

office to one of great political and spiritual influence. As the centuries passed, the role of the Papacy continued to evolve. In the modern era, the Catholic Church, though still immensely influential,

leadership, but with an awareness of our contemporary issues. While Pope Leo XIV's pontificate will unfold in a new era, his role remains as crucial as ever in safeguarding the faith and guiding the Church.

Lucas Hurley

Principal

SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S ADDRESS

Over the last few weeks there's been a lot of fun events going on! With the mural being revealed - Thank you and an amazing job Mrs Khoo and Tahlia, and enjoying our school community at the

Coming up we have many more fundraisers including World Environment Day, Men's Health Week and NAIDOC Week. This will contribute to our graduation fund, which we are super excited for!

Enjoy the rest of Term 2!

Amber Netherwood and Louis Shepherd



LOUIS
SHEPHERD



AMBER
NETHERWOOD

We as school captains look forward to making the rest of Term 2 as exciting as possible, and are open to suggestions for new and innovative activities that everyone and anyone can participate in.



IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2, WEEKS 6-10

WEEK 6

▣ Year 7 Retreat
12th - 16th of May

▣ Legal Studies Incursion
Monday, 19th of May

▣ Year 7 Immunisations
Tuesday, 20th of May

▣ Year 9 Immunisations
Wednesday, 21st of May

▣ Interschool Volleyball (MS)
Thursday, 22nd of May

▣ Interschool Volleyball (SS)
Friday, 23rd of May

WEEK 7

▣ National Sorry Day
Monday, 26th of May

▣ Dance Night
Monday, 26th of May

▣ Athletics Carnival
Tuesday, 27th of May

▣ Democracy Dash
Wednesday, 28th of May

▣ Drama Night
Thursday, 29th of May

▣ Pupil Free Day
Thursday, 30th of May

WEEK 8

▣ Year 7-11 Exams
2nd - 6th of June

▣ Year 10 Work Experience
2nd - 6th of June

▣ Indigenous Studies Camp
5th - 9th of June

WEEK 9

▣ King's Birthday Holiday
Monday, 9th of June

▣ Academy Cup - Rugby
Wednesday, 11th of June

▣ Drama Showcase
Wednesday, 11th of June

▣ Interschool AFL (SS)
Friday, 13th of June

▣ MCC v O'Loughlin Basketball
Friday, 13th of June

WEEK 10

▣ Year 11 Camp
16th - 20th of June

▣ TopEnd Track & Field
Tuesday, 17th of June

▣ College Tour
Wednesday, 18th of June



AT MACKILLOP



Mural Unveiling Ceremony

During Term 2, we unveiled our beautiful Welcome Mural as designed and painted by our Languages Department and our talented Year 12, Tahlia Te Maro! A wonderful reminder of our College diversity, and a reflection of all our values: respect, inclusivity, courage, integrity and compassion. Many hours went into this project and we thank and congratulate all involved.

Mother's Day Creations

Before Mother's Day weekend, students gathered in the library to unleash their creativity in meaningful keepsakes for the Mums! Cards, pictures and 'words of affirmation' galore. We hope all the mums enjoyed their handmade goodies!



Languages - Japanese Onigiri

Year 9 Japanese students participate in many immersive, practical learning experiences. One of their latest was learning how to make Japanese street food, Onigiri! They learned how to shape the onigiri and filled it with tuna filling. Of course, they got to enjoy their creations afterwards. Well done all! They looked delicious!

FROM HEAD OF MIDDLE YEARS



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Classrooms at MacKillop Catholic College are transforming with the growing presence of High Performance Walls—purposeful displays that bring clarity, focus, and direction to teaching and learning. These displays are a powerful tool for improving student outcomes. Designed to make learning intentions and success criteria explicit, High Performance Walls display annotated student work samples across achievement levels. This

enables both teachers and students to clearly see what quality work looks like and what is required to progress. The walls serve as an ongoing reference point for learning, in alignment with curriculum standards. Students actively engage with the walls to self-assess and draft their work. They can identify where their current efforts sit and pinpoint the next steps they need to take to improve. This fosters greater ownership of learning



and supports a growth mindset across all year levels. Teachers, too, use the walls as part of their collaborative practice—reflecting on student progress and planning support. In every sense, these walls are dynamic learning tools that reflect MacKillop's commitment to clarity, equity, and excellence for every learner.

Kind regards,

Mr Matt Sharp

EXTRACURRICULAR

MacKillop Dance Company

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SAINTS NEWS

The MacKillop Saints are gearing up for an exciting Rugby League tri-series against Taminmin College, kicking off Wednesday in Week 5. Both the Year 7/8 and 9/10 Boys teams will represent the Saints, looking to continue their strong form from last season. Adding extra spice to the contest, the Year 9/10 clash will see the teams competing for the newly minted Oren 'Tiger' Tyler Honorary Pewter Jug — a prize that promises to be fiercely contested.



The Year 7/8 team features a mix of experienced players and exciting debutants. Led by captain Harry Liddle — following in the footsteps of his older brother Alex, the current Senior Boys captain — the squad is ready to make their mark. Several players will be wearing the jersey for the first time, including Eric Burrawanga, Josh Roberts, Lachlan Kiernan, Leyland Mati-Leifi, and Quincy Carter — the first of this year's new Year 7 intake to make their debuts.



The team list is:

1. Bryce Morley 2. Cooper Fraunefelder 3. Jordy Lynch 4. Andrew Mutanda 5. Eric Burarrwanga 6. Tre Tauariki 7. Harry Liddle (c) 8. Tyler Moore 9. Lachlan Kiernan 10. Leyland Mati-Leifi 11. Zaiden Smith 12. Jack Angeles 13. Josh Roberts

Reserves - Byron Goodwin, Gabe Walsh, Darby Luong, Quincy Carter, and Solomon Grigg.





The Year 9/10 squad is packed with returning talent and fresh faces eager to make an impact. Walter Lasker will captain the side, bringing composure and leadership from the hooker role. Many Year 9 boys will be looking to carry over their strong performances into the older age group. Jyles Boulton will shift into the prop role after impressing in the same position in 2024. Eyes will also be on Phillip Tailisi and Brody Drescher, who are making their debuts.



The team list is:

1. Jack Tilley 2. Zed Buzza 3. Gabriel Te Maro 4. Tyler Heikkinen 5. Byron Pearce 6. Vailoa Tofilau 7. Timana Roe 8. Rallye Archer 9. Walter Lasker (c) 10. Jyles Boulton 11. Jay Luchich 12. Phillip Tailisi 13. Judd Boulton

Reserves - Zac Waters, Brody Drescher, Jesse Gregory, Charles Molan, and Caleb Barry.



The Saints confidently enter the series after success against Taminmin, securing wins across both teams in 2024 and a draw in the Seniors at the 2025 Eels Cup. Coach Matthew Sharp spoke on the preparation in the lead-up. "The boys have been training really strongly, and they look great on paper," Sharp said. "Now it's about taking that energy and translating it onto the field. I'm excited to see how they handle the challenge."



With pride, silverware, and bragging rights on the line, the stage is set for a thrilling series of matches.

Mr Matt Sharp

ANZAC DAY MEMORIALS

We had a beautiful service as usual, lead this year by our Cadets and Military personnel, joining the young and the older generations together as we remember just what this solemn day is about. MacKillop was supported by the 1st Combat Signal Regiment with Warrant Officer Class One, Steven Lowery providing a speech as well. I love how each year our students take the time and listen to all the information that is being taught through the



I would like to thank all people who took part in these special occasions. We are so proud of you here at MacKillop – you all are incredible representatives of the College.

Kind regards,

Sue Lowery



liturgy, learning the sacrifice of Australian soldiers. Once again our students did us proud as we all interacted in this event. Additionally, our Student Leaders also attended the ANZAC March on the 25th and paraded Palmerston City with our MacKillop Banner. It was amazing to see the abundance of student and community presence at the service.



MACKILLOP SCHOOL FETE

Thank you to all students, staff, and families who supported our recent School Fete. It was a fantastic day filled with fun activities, delicious food, and great entertainment, all in support of the Indonesian Study Tour and the Year 12 Graduation Formal. Highlights included face painting, origami, 3D fidget toys, crochet creations, and a live performance by our student band. An extra special thank you for the generous



donations from staff and students to support the Mini Vinnies stall, which was a great success! We are grateful for the strong community spirit and support that helped make the day such a success. We're excited to see what our next school fete has in store! Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming info!

Kind regards,

Bee Khoo





FROM OUTDOOR ED

Stage 2 Outdoor Education spent Week 3 travelling to Uluru and Kata Tjuta for their first camp of the year. We had a lot of challenges leading up to the camp as we were supposed to be travelling to Cairns to visit the Great Barrier Reef, however things changed and we pulled together this camp in a week! We then had our trailer break on the first night so had to wait for a replacement and rearrange our days.



After all this, we were on our way and made it to the rock and back without further incident! The students learnt a lot about working together over the duration of a 9 day camp and have become quite close. We had a great time at the rock marvelling at the natural wonder of the world and realised it's a lot cooler than "just a big rock".



Kind regards,

Siobhan Blomley



YEAR 8 CAMP



One of the highlights was a private night-time tour with the park's rangers. Students explored the nocturnal house to see animals active after dark and later took part in a cane toad hunt - learning about local conservation efforts in a real-world context. They also participated in a practical session on first aid for snake bites and had the opportunity to safely hold some of the park's snakes, helping build confidence and awareness around native wildlife.



In Week 3, our Year 8 students spent two days at the Territory Wildlife Park for their overnight camp, filled with exciting wildlife encounters and hands-on learning experiences. Students attended engaging presentations, including the bird flight show, a close-up look at river rays, and a pelican feeding session. Throughout the day, they also worked in groups to complete a range of challenges around the park while exploring the many different enclo-



A big thank you to the staff, park rangers, and all involved for making this an engaging and memorable experience for our students! We can't wait to see what Year 9 camp and beyond will have in store for us!

Kind regards,

Kendall Jess



MACKILLOP SPORTS



We have many Interschool Sport events coming up in 2025! MacKillop uses the Try-Booking platform to collect funds and consent for all Interschool sport events, which allows us to keep the price as low as possible. These events are often quite popular and spots can fill quickly. We recommend students and families collect forms and book places as soon as possible once information is released.

COMING UP...

- 22nd May** - Middle Years Volleyball
- 23rd May** - Senior Years Volleyball
- 13th jun.** - Senior Years AFL
- 17th Jun.** - Top End Track and Field
- 23rd Jul.** - Mixed Years Tennis



KEY DATES

- 27th May** - Athletics Carnival
- 16th Jul.** - Cross Country
- 18th Sep.** - Swimming Carnival





FROM WELLBEING AND PASTORAL CARE

Hello everyone, I'm Tina, and many of you may remember me as the former Youth Minister. I'm excited to share that I've transitioned into a new role as the Wellbeing and Pastoral Care Officer. With a Bachelor's degree in Youth Work and Youth Studies, along with my current studies towards a Diploma in Counselling, I'm passionate about supporting the emotional and mental well-being of the students right here at MacKillop.

In this role, I aim to create safe and supportive place where students feel seen, heard, and valued. I'll be working closely with the Heads of Years and the school's Leadership Team to ensure students receive support in all aspects of school life. Whether it's checking in during tough times, celebrating wins big or small or helping to build resilience and self-awareness or just to listen, I am here to journey with them and ensure no one feels alone.

I look forward to the rest of the year ahead.

God bless,

Tina Dib



MS TINA DIB
WELLBEING OFFICER



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Immunisations Yr7 & Yr 9 TERM 2, Week 6

Tuesday 20th May *YEAR 7 Students*

Wednesday 21st May *YEAR 9 Students*

Location: Library

Period 1 onwards. ** All student forms will need to be handed into the front office **

Please join us for an opportunity to explore, share and learn with families, carers and professionals who support school aged autistic students.

Seminar 1. Tuesday, 20th May

7:00pm - 7:45 pm (AEST)

Seminar 2. Wednesday 21 May

12:00pm - 12:45pm (AEST)

Visit our website. positivepartnerships.com.au to register for your preferred session.

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Please join us for an opportunity to explore, share and learn with families, carers and professionals who support school aged autistic students.



Outdoor Education Stage 2 Class are fundraising for their next excursion to Cairns to visit the Great Barrier Reef! They are holding two raffles where the first prizes are either a single day fishing charter or a meat tray (depending on which you enter)! To be in to win, see the QR Codes below to buy tickets.



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