



PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Dear Members of the MacKillop Catholic College Community,

As we enter the second week of Lent, we are invited into a period of introspection, and spiritual renewal. For many, Lent is simply known as a time of giving up something—a season

marked by sacrifices such as abstaining from sweets, refraining from social media, or foregoing certain indulgences. However, the significance of Lent runs far deeper than mere acts of self-denial;

it offers us a profound opportunity for spiritual growth and deepening our connection with the divine. At its core, Lent is a period of forty days leading up to Easter Sunday, mirroring the forty days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness, grappling with temptation and preparing for his ministry. It is a time for us to enter into the desert of our own hearts, confronting our shortcomings, and seeking a closer relationship with God. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving,

we are called to turn away from sin and embrace the transformative power of God's love and mercy. During Lent, we are reminded of our mortality and the fragility of human existence. Yet, amidst this sombre reflection, there is also a message of hope—a promise of redemption and the assurance of God's unconditional love. It is a season that beckons us to let go of the distractions and attachments that hinder our spiritual growth, and to turn our hearts towards the source of all grace and truth.

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Moreover, Lent is not merely a time of self-imposed austerity, but also a season of deepening our awareness of God's immense love for each and every one of us. It is a time to reflect on the ultimate expression of that love—the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross for the salvation of humanity. In contemplating the passion and death of Jesus, we are invited to recognize the profound depth

of God's love, a love that knows no bounds and embraces us in our brokenness. As we embark on this Lenten journey, may we open our hearts to God's transforming love and allow it to guide us towards greater holiness and wholeness. Let us embrace this sacred season as an opportunity for spiritual renewal, trusting in the promise of Easter joy that awaits us at the end

of our journey through the desert. May we carry this truth in our hearts throughout this Lenten season and beyond, as we strive to live as beloved children of a merciful and loving God. In the words of Saint Augustine, "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us".

Wishing you a blessed and transformative Lenten journey,

Lucas Hurley

Principal

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' ADDRESS

We are extremely excited to be representing the college at the final stages of our schooling. The journey we have taken at MacKillop to grow as people allows us to see from a different perspective and provide for our community and younger peers. As we begin the year, we introduce Project Compassion (See page _ for more info). It is super important that we acknowledge the significance of lending a hand to those in need and get involved as a community,



by supporting fundraisers and promoting the message. As student representatives of the college, we are excited to implement new and exciting ideas to grow MacKillop as a school. Please speak with us if you have questions, concerns, or ideas to help us build our community.

We wish you all a successful Term 1!

Hannah Tornsey and Dan Murphy

AT MACKILLOP



We have celebrated our Opening Mass and Ash Wednesday Liturgy so far this year. At the opening Mass, our Principal welcomed everyone to the new year and our College Captains received their certificates and took a pledge of service.

Our Ash Wednesday Liturgy took place on the 14th of February this year. On this day, Catholics and many other Christians receive ashes on their foreheads as a symbol of repentance and mortality.

The ashes serve as a powerful reminder of our own sinfulness and the importance of repentance, as well as the fleeting nature of life and the significance of preparing for eternal life with God.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Our school representatives met with Caritas Australia to begin Project Compassion, 2024. This fundraising campaign helps to raise the funds needed to alleviate poverty, promote justice and uphold the dignity of vulnerable communities. Our Captains took the pledge to serve Project Compassion and lead it amongst our school community. **You can get involved by fundraising, supporting fundraisers, and spreading the message of Project Compassion.**



FROM THE MIDDLE YEARS CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

On Friday of Week 5 (1st March 2024) MacKillop will host the annual Year 7 Welcome Dinner. All Year 7 families are encouraged to attend and bring a dish to share with the other members of their child's Pastoral Care class. The event will begin at 5.30pm and wrap up at 7pm. We hope to see many of you there.



Also on the calendar this term is NAPLAN testing for students in Year 7 and Year 9. It is mandatory that all students complete the whole testing schedule unless an exemption or withdrawal has been requested in advance of the

NAPLAN test window opening. This year, the first test will begin on Wednesday of Week 7 (13th March 2024). Please make contact with the school at your earliest convenience if you have any questions or concerns.

FROM THE SENIOR YEARS CURRICULUM COORDINATOR



Thank you to all families and students that attended the Senior Years' Information Night at the start of February. There was some crucial information shared about NT-CET and ATAR, and also the beginning stages of the Learner Profile for Year 12 students.

If you were unable to attend these sessions, all information can be found on the school website.

Please visit mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au

EXTRACURRICULARS

MacKillop has a wide range of extracurriculars available for all years and interests! Our staff have been hard at work organising the fun to kick off the year.

See the list and contact the relevant departments to get started!

ARTS

MacKillop Dance Company
 Miss Abigail Hatton
 abigail.hatton@nt.catholic.edu.au

Art Club
 Mr Jaques Retief
 jaques.retief@nt.catholic.edu.au

Instrumental Music
 Ms Kathryn Ezzy
 kathryn.ezzy@nt.catholic.edu.au

SPORT

MacKillop Saints Rugby
 Mr Matthew Sharp
 matthew.sharp@nt.catholic.edu.au

OTHER

Chess Club
 Mr Jaques Retief
 jaques.retief@nt.catholic.edu.au



The Eels Cup is our first main event of the season. This year, the event has moved from u16s to Senior School (Years 10 - 12) in both Boys and Girls competitions. Dates for the qualifying rounds will be confirmed shortly, but a Week 9 qualifier event is looking likely. All prospective players are encouraged to register their interest with Mr Butcher (Girls) or Mr Sharp (Boys).

SAINTS NEWS

It has been an encouraging start to the season for the MacKillop Saints with record numbers in our Year 7 & Year 8 Boys Friday elective Academy.



FROM ENGLISH

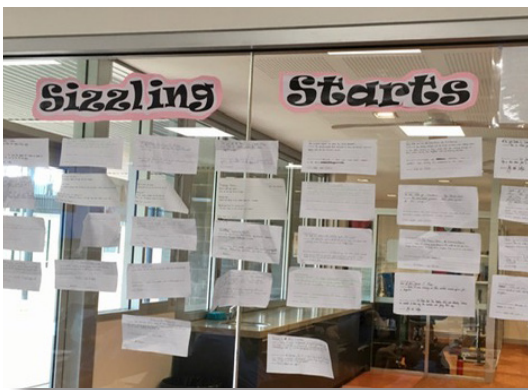
This year MacKillop has introduced the Seven Steps Writing for Success in Year 7, 9 and some of our Year 10, English classes.

The Seven Steps are the building blocks to great writing. They break down writing into simple chunks, so students aren't overwhelmed by writing a whole piece straight away. Instead, they gain confidence with each Step they learn, to become creative and engaging writers. Eventually they will learn how to put it all together and write complete texts independently.



As part of improving literacy, all MS students are also starting many lessons with 10 minutes of quiet reading. We encourage students to continue this great practice at home. Students are also improving their grammar through the

online IXL Learning program, and we have already had over 400 students successfully engaging in the activities. The IXL Learning program can be accessed from home as well through students personal username and passwords.



THE SEVEN STEPS

1. Plan for Success
2. Sizzling Starts
3. Tightening Tension
4. Dynamic Dialogue
5. Show, Don't Tell
6. Ban the Boring
7. Ending with Impact

Regards,

Ms Amanda Clifford



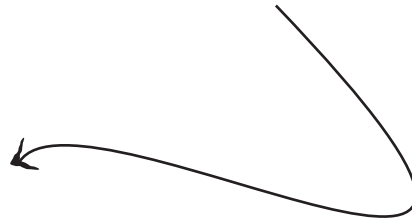


FROM THE ARTS

It's been a busy start to the year for the Arts department, with MacKillop's production of *Seussical Jr.* the Musical coming up in full swing! Tickets were released on the 13th of February, and half of all tickets were sold in 2 weeks! **See the QR code below to purchase your tickets now!** Get in quick, they won't last.



SCAN ME FOR TICKETS!



FROM STEM



The Hydrobot Challenge is open to schools in the STEM Department! If you would like to participate in this activity, see your science teacher or email Mr Roy Joseph: roy.joseph@nt.catholic.edu.au

The Challenge is comprised of two parts:

Part A: Design and build a model of a hydrogen-fuelled autonomous vehicle.

Part B: Create a presentation.

Part A: The Model

Design and build a model of a hydrogen-fuelled autonomous vehicle using any material of choice. Some examples of materials are Lego™, balsawood, 3D printing, etc.

Part B: Presentation

Teams are to create a presentation (no more than 10 pages) using Microsoft PowerPoint, cartoons, animated illustrations, etc addressing the following:

- **Secondary school teams are asked to address the following:**
 1. Outline the STEM principles that were considered when designing the vehicle. Teams can use formats like cartoons, animated illustrations, hand drawings, etc.
 2. What are the methods that could be used to effectively produce hydrogen fuel for vehicles?
 3. Is it possible to produce green and renewable hydrogen? Explain why?
 4. How do hydrogen-powered vehicles compare against battery-electric vehicles?
 5. How would you refuel a hydrogen-powered autonomous vehicle?

INTERSCHOOL SPORT COMPETITIONS



We have many Interschool Sport events coming up in 2024 and I wanted to take the opportunity to remind you of the process around booking a ticket for students who wish to attend these events.

Mackillop uses the TryBooking platform to collect funds and consent for all Interschool sport events, this allows us to keep the price as low as possible.

These events are often quite popular and spots can fill quickly so I recommend students and families collect forms and book places as soon as possible once information is released.

Information about individual events will be shared with students in Pastoral Care and can be found in the notices section in SEQTA. Once this information has gone out, students are then able to collect a form from myself which contains the link and booking instructions.

Our next event is Senior Hardcourt Volleyball on the 21st of March at Marrara Indoor Centre, students who wish to attend should see me ASAP to collect a note.

Kind regards,

Miss Chloe Syme



FROM CAREERS



Upcoming Events

Australian Defence Force Officer Presentation

1.20pm Monday 4 March 2024

Flexible Learning Centre.

UniSA Lunch time presentation

1.20pm Tuesday 16 April 2024

Great information about applying for university.

VET Careers Expo

17 May 2024

Please register interest here.

<https://forms.gle/TSRJmi8L6hRB712C6>

Australian Defence Force Work Experience

See link below to explore opportunities and dates or contact Jane Marshall for more information.

It was a great experience for the students that attended last year.

<https://www.defence.gov.au/jobs-careers/student-pathways/defence-work-experience-program>

It has been a busy start to the year in the Mackillop Careers Office. Many students have been working on resumes and enquiring about courses and career opportunities. All students are welcome to visit the Careers Office every-day at recess in the Flexible Learning Centre.

Expression of Interest for semester 2 will soon open. Please visit the Careers Office at recess from next week, week 6, for forms and opportunities available. Up coming opportunities will be shared via SEQTA Notices, MacKillop Catholic Col-

Mackillop Catholic College has a very useful website available for all students and families.

<https://www.mackillopcareers.com.au/>

Feel free to explore the career information found on the website.

Lots more is planned in this space. Please email jane.marshall@nt.catholic.edu.au or phone 89305725 for questions, ideas and opportunities.

Kind regards,

Jane Marshall

FROM THE YEAR 7 COORDINATOR



My advice for the new Year 7 so far has been: do not stress because it will be easy once you get the hang of secondary school, be nice to others, make new friends; treat others the way you would like to be treated; ask for help if you need it; and most importantly don't be shy to ask if you need help.

I would say we have 95% of students wearing the correct uniform at the right time and in assemblies they as a group are so polite and respectful of chapel. In my classes I can see happy faces, all are excited about their lessons and again 95% are fully equipped, pens, pencils and of course a fully charged laptop.

Reminding students that learning is now up to them, they need to grasp new skills and chose to engage in new study practices such as self-directed learning. These new responsibilities will require a new level of organisation and dedication from your child that they may not be ready for, but with your help and a little guidance from me I am

confident that this will be the best year in their learning journey here at Mackillop. So far our cohort has managed to master the locker, however some are still struggling with understanding how the lock works . Almost all of our “family” have made at least one new friend and many have really taken on being a “big kid”

So far, a very successful Term 1!

Kind regards,

Mrs Deborah Cadell

FROM FINANCE

Greetings Families,

Here is some important information regarding school fees for 2024.

School fees are scheduled to be billed in week 5, with statements to follow once billing has been finalised for all families. After our latest system/software update, we found a glitch in our system where main contacts for billing have been swapped around for the second contact on file. Upon receipt of your next statement, if you find this has happened to your account, or if you have any queries relating to your statement please email [finance - finance.mackillop@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance-finance.mackillop@nt.catholic.edu.au) and we will rectify this for you asap. We appreciate the patience from all of our families.

The Early settlement discount is completely separate to our sibling discount, which is a discount initiated and implemented by Catholic Education, and relates only to tuition fees. The sibling discount is automatically calculated in our system upon billing & is based on enrollemnts within the Catholic Education NT system. Whereas the sibling discount is calculated off the tuition fee portion of your bill, the ESD (Early settlement discount) is calculated off your tuition and levies (please note, as stated above, we are unable to allow discounts on electives and other incidental charges).


We also wanted to remind families of the Early Settlement discount opportunity offered. Recently you would have received an email in regard to discounts being offered to all families who pay their school fees and levies by a certain date. To receive a 10% discount on fees and levies you will need to have paid your fees and levies by End of Term 1 (April 5th 2024). Alternatively, for families who are unable to meet the April 5 deadline but are able to pay their school fees and levies by the end of semester 1, by June 21 2024, a 7.5% discount will still be available.

Please note that our Early settlement discount will be posted and applied to accounts once full settlement has been received, and please be aware that the early settlement discount does not apply to Electives or any other incidental charges.

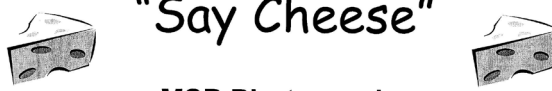
Blessings,

Finance

USEFUL INFORMATION



"Say Cheese"



MSP Photography are on their way!!!

School Photo Day is:
THURS 7th MARCH + FRI 8th MARCH

Have your child's school memories captured forever.

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP payment envelopes & remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other – You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Use the Shootkey on your envelope to order online!
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given – cash, cheques and money orders only. Credit card payments can only be made online.

Please feel free to visit our web site
www.msp.com.au
For photo enquiries Phone: (08) 8132 1148 or Email: enquiries.adl@msp.com.au

MCC College School photos will be run by MSP photography.

Thursday 7th March - 8:40am start
Middle Years 7 - 9 & Siblings with Surnames A - M

Friday 8th March - 8:40am start
Senior Years 10 - 12 & Siblings with Surnames N - Z

Sibling photo forms are available from Student Services

Please return all school photo forms to your Pastoral Care teacher or hand to photographers in your scheduled time.

If you are unable to attend any of the scheduled photo days, please contact **MSP (08) 8132 1148** or email admin.adl@msp.com.au



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TERM 1, WEEK 5 NEWSLETTER