



### PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Dear Members of the MacKillop Catholic College Community,

As we approach significant celebration of Pentecost the Sunday, we are reminded of the pivotal moment in Christian history when the Church was born. Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the Church, holds profound

significance for Christians around the world. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and marks the beginning of their ministry to spread the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The origins of Pentecost trace back to the Jewish festival of Shavuot, which commemorated the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. For Christians, Pentecost represents the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit as a guide and comforter to his disciples. The events of Pentecost are vividly described in the New Testament book of Acts, where we read about the apostles gathered together in Jerusalem, waiting as instructed for the promised gift from on high.

Suddenly, a sound like a rushing wind filled the house where they were sitting, and tongues of fire appeared and rested on each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, enabling them to communicate the message of Jesus to people from all over the known world who had gathered in Jerusalem for the festival. This miraculous outpouring of the Holy Spirit empowered the apostles to boldly proclaim the Gospel message, and as a result, about three thou-

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sand people were baptized and added to the fledgling community of believers that day. The Church, as we know it today, was born—a diverse and dynamic community united by faith in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Pentecost serves as a reminder of the ongoing presence and work of the Holy Spirit within the Church. It is a time for Christians to reflect on the gifts of the Spirit—wisdom, knowledge, understanding, council,

fortitude, piety, wonder and awe—and to discern how they can be used to build up the body of Christ and spread God's love and mercy to the world. In celebrating Pentecost, we are invited to renew our commitment to living as disciples of Jesus Christ, guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit. It is a time to pray for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit upon the Church, that we may be empowered to continue the mission that began on that first Pentecost—to proclaim the good news

of salvation to all people and to be instruments of God's peace and reconciliation in the world. As we anticipate the feast of Pentecost, let us open our hearts to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit and rejoice in the birth of the Church, which continues to proclaim the message of hope and salvation to all nations.

May the peace and joy of Pentecost be with you all.

*Lucas Hurley*

Principal

## SCHOOL CAPTAINS' ADDRESS

We've had some exciting sports events happen so far this year! Congratulations to everyone who participated in Cross Country and helped build the school spirit. Our next big event is the Sports Carnival, which is another great opport-

unity to get around your peers and have some fun. As we get to the middle of Term 2, sometimes we lose

Good luck for the rest of Term 2!

**Hannah Tornsey and Dan Murphy**

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focus and motivation. Here are some great ways to get through the rest of the semester:

1. Help your peers
2. Bring a positive attitude
3. Start your assessments early
4. Engage in classroom activities
5. Put your phone away to help you stay on track

# IMPORTANT DATES

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## TERM 2, WEEKS 6-10

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### WEEK 6

Year 10 Work Experience  
20th - 24th of May

Immunisations  
Tuesday, 21st of May

PAARS Senior Volleyball  
Friday, 24th of May

Tertiary Information Service  
Friday, 24th of May

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### WEEK 7

Year 9 Camp  
27th - 31st of May

Assembly  
Wednesday, 29th of May

Top End Middle/Senior Golf  
Friday, 31st of May

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### WEEK 8

Year 7 - 11 Exam Week  
3rd - 7th of June

Year 10 Street Smart Excursion  
Thursday, 6th of June

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### WEEK 9

Public Holiday - Kings Birthday  
Monday, 10th of June

**Athletics Carnival**  
Tuesday, 11th of June

PAARS Middle School Soccer  
Wednesday, 12th of June

Grade of Origin - Y9 V Y10  
Wednesday, 12th of June

**Seussical Jr. Showing Week**  
12th - 14th of June

PAARS Senior School Soccer  
Friday, 14th of June

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### WEEK 10

Year 11 Camp  
17th to 21st of June

PAARS Middle School Hockey  
Thursday 20th of June

Science Incursion  
Tuesday 18th of June

Last Day of School  
Friday 21st of June

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# FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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As we approach the feast of Pentecost, we are reminded of the significance of this event in the life of the Church and its ongoing mission. Pentecost marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, empowering them to boldly proclaim the message of Jesus Christ to the world. It is a celebration of the birth of the Church and the beginning of its mission to spread the Good News to all nations.



In the Acts of the Apostles, we witness the transformation of timid and uncertain disciples into courageous witnesses filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit. This transformation is not confined to the pages of history but continues to inspire and animate the life of the Church today. Pentecost challenges us to open our hearts to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, to be courageous in our witness to the Gospel, and to be agents of love, peace, and reconciliation in our communities and beyond.



As members of this community, let us pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be renewed in faith, hope, and love. May Pentecost be a time of spiritual renewal and empowerment for each one of us as we strive to live out our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ.



Blessings to you all as we celebrate Pentecost together.

Kind regards,

**Stella Wallis**

# AT MACKILLOP



## Interschool Sport

We have had many Interschool Sport events happening in the last 5 weeks! One to remember was our AFL Gala Day, where students from middle and senior years battled it out against other schools for the trophy. Well done to everyone involved in making a successful day!

## Public Speaking

Mackillop swept the opposition under the table at the NT heats for the Rostrum Voice of Youth Public Speaking Competition! Harshi Mehta's eloquent speech took out first place in the Junior Division and Elizabeth Maxwell's thoughtful speech took first in the Senior Division. Our other three entrants all received very positive feedback from the adjudicators. Elizabeth and Harshi head to Adelaide in two weeks to compete in the SA/NT semi-finals.



## Chinese Bridge Competition

Year 12 Elizabeth Maxwell had some outstanding achievements in the 17th "Chinese Bridge" Chinese Proficiency Competition (WA, ACT & NT Division). Elizabeth secured the Excellent Award, Talent Award, and the Online Popularity Award, making her the night's most decorated participant! Thank you to everyone who supported her on social media.



# FROM THE MIDDLE YEARS CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

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The middle of Term 2 is a busy time for Middle School students and teachers. The last assessments for the semester are coming due, exams for a number of subjects are right around the corner, as is the reporting period. With so much on, it is vitally important that students are aware of their deadlines and are devoting time to study in order to maximise



their achievement. One simple way this can be done is by downloading a copy of the Assessment Planner for the relevant year level from the MacKillop Catholic College website to plan ahead and keep track of dates. To access the Assessment Planners, simply select the 'Learning' tab on the College website front page.

Kind regards,

**Matt Sharp**

## EXTRACURRICULAR

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### ARTS

MacKillop Dance Company

Miss Abigail Hatton

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Instrumental Music

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Art Club

Mr Jaques Retief

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### SPORT

MacKillop Saints Rugby

Mr Matthew Sharp

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### OTHER

Chess Club

Mr Jaques Retief

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# SAINTS NEWS

Congratulations are extended to our Champion Saints Girls Rugby League team who were able to come from behind to run down SEDA College in the Girls Eels Cup final for 2024. Miharna Ward was crowned as the Eels Medallist for her outstanding performance in a match that ended 16-14 in our girl's favour. Other players to impress included club stalwart, Piper Heath, whose never-give-up attitude in defence in the closing minutes of the match really helped Saints hold onto their slim lead.



Coach Robert Butcher etched his name in history, joining Mrs Mandy Mattison as a Girls Eels Cup champion coach following her maiden victory in 2019. Well done to all players, coaches and support staff for this remarkable achievement. **You truly are the pride of our school.** Our Middle School Saints Rugby League Academy boys and girls participated in the Dolphins League Tag Gala Day earlier in the term. It was great to be able to chat and take pictures with

Dolphin First Grade players, Kurt Donoghue and Connelly Lemuelu. The day was played in great spirit and we look forward to getting back out there on the pitch for another game soon. On that final point, the Catholic Cup has been organised for Thursday Week 4 Term 3 against O'Loughlin with a 3pm kickoff at Saints Field. Also on the list is the annual Palmerston Cup versus Palmerston College in Week 9 of Term 3. We are working hard to find more opportunities for our junior boys and girls teams in particular and hope to make some exciting announcements soon.



# YEAR 10 RETREAT

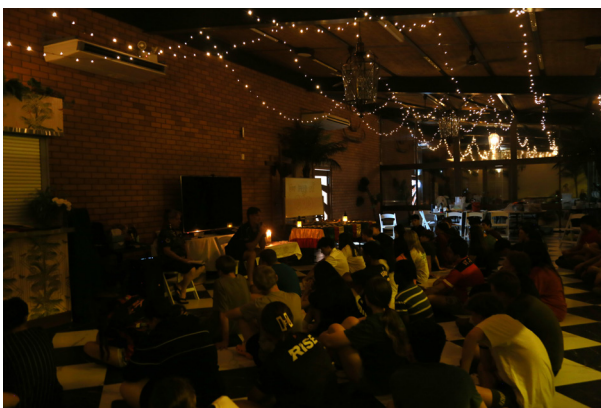
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In Week 5, Year 10 students attended a retreat at Litchfield Outback Resort. The theme of the two day event was “Who do you say I am “ & “I am enough”. The program led students through a process of discovering more about themselves, by reflecting on relationships they build with others and on their relationship with God. Congratulations to all Year 10 students for their engagement and commitment to embracing the challenges of this program.



Thank you to all the staff involved who put in so many appreciated efforts into the Retreat and allowing for our Year 10's to get the most out of their experiences. Your contributions were truly invaluable.

Year 10's, your dedication to personal growth exemplifies the spirit of our MacKillop community. May the lessons learned and connections made during this retreat continue to inspire and guide you in your faith and journey ahead.



Well done Year 10's!

Kind regards,

**Miss Tiffany Lashbrook**



# SEUSSICAL JR.

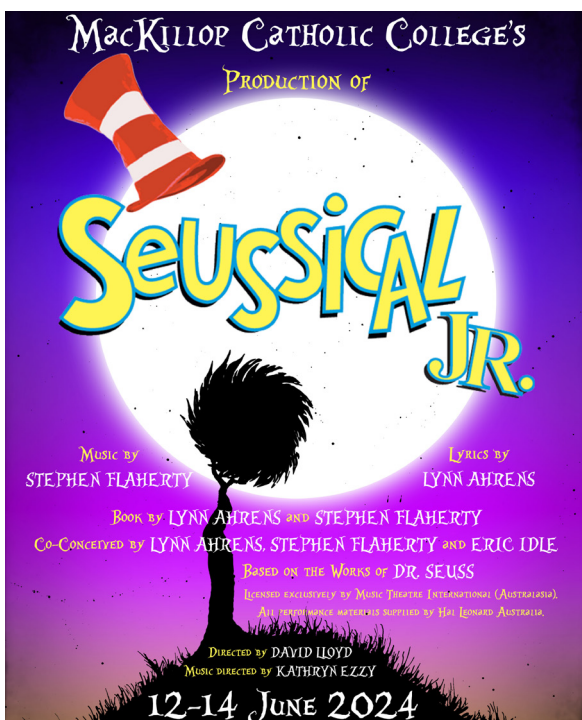
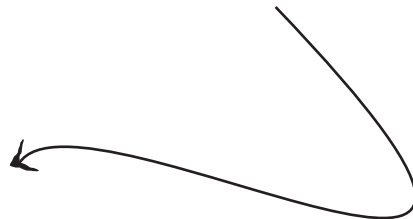


These are the last four weeks leading up to the first Musical shows, and the crew are working hard to get it to perfection. The next few weeks are super busy with costuming, tech, lighting and details, details, details!

**5 TICKETS REMAINING!** It's time to purchase, now or never! Don't miss out on this stunning production! See the QR code below to purchase your tickets now!



SCAN ME FOR TICKETS!



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

As MacKillop cannot monitor sales outside of the booking site, name changes cannot be issued, and tickets will be checked at the door, please ensure that you are following the due process of buying/refunding your tickets.

## IF YOU NEED A REFUND:

Contact us through the try booking website at the bottom of the booking page.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPESW>

## IF YOU MISSED OUT:

Contact us to add your name to the waitlist, or watch our space for announcements of extra tickets.

# MACKILLOP SPORTS

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We have many Interschool and whole-school sport events coming up!

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.

Keep an eye out on socials and SEQTA for updates regarding upcoming events.

PAARS Senior Volleyball

Friday, 24th of May

Top End Middle/Senior Golf

Friday, 31st of May

## **Athletics Carnival**

Tuesday, 11th of June

PAARS Soccer (7-9)

Wednesday, 12th of June

PAARS Soccer (10-12)

Friday, 14th of June

PAARS Middle School Hockey

Thursday 20th of June



Kind regards,

**Miss Chloe Syme**



# FROM CAREERS



## Upcoming Events

### Australian National University Visit

1.20pm Thursday 23 April 2024

Great information about applying for university.

### Tertiary Information Service - Hailebury

10:30am Friday 24 May 2024

Excursion forms available.

### SATAC Information Session

10:00am Wednesday 24 July 2024

SA Uni Application Information

### Darwin Careers Expo

Tuesday 20 August 2024

More information to come

Expression of Interest for VET courses in semester 2 is open. The MacKillop Careers Office is available every day for all students at recess in the Flexible Learning Centre.

Resumes

Courses

Career opportunities

Upcoming opportunities for Term 2 will be shared via SEQTA Notices, MacKillop Catholic College Courses and Careers Facebook page.

See more information about the Australian Defence University Sponsorship program here. <https://www.adfcareers.gov.au/students-and-education/defence-university-sponsorship>

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](mailto:jane.marshall@nt.catholic.edu.au) or phone 89305725 for questions, ideas and opportunities.

Kind regards,

**Jane Marshall**

# CROSS COUNTRY

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Cross Country was a great success! Thank you to all the staff who contributed to the running of the day, and to all of our participants. We had some exemplar students making record-breaking times and performing to an extremely

high standard. Despite it being a typical hot Darwin day, all of the students had a fabulous spirit and really got involved with our annual school tradition. This makes us really excited for what's to come with our Athletics Carnival!

## MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE GRADE WINNERS CROSS COUNTRY 2024



### Under 12's

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Boys: **Curtis Baird**



Girls: **Zoe Moir**



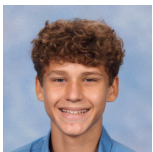
### Under 13's

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Boys: **Jarred De Graaff**



Girls: **River Williams**



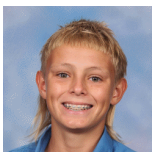
### Under 14's

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Boys: **Jonte Jones**



Girls: **Gabriella Koukouvas**



### Under 15's

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Boys: **Byron Pearce**



Girls: **Emily Cogill**



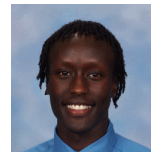
### Under 16's

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Boys: **Kian 'T Lam**



Girls: **Crisca Russell**



### Under 17's

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Boys: **Emmanuel Kimutai**



Girls: **Niamh Salter**



### Open's

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Boys: **Dallas Mackay**



Girls: **Hannah Torsney**



# DANCE NIGHT

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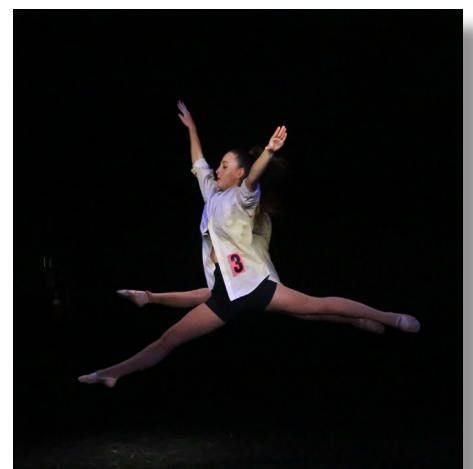
Recently, we had a wonderful showcase of the talent at MacKillop Dance Night! From Jazz, Hip-hop, Lyrical, Contemporary and Musical Theatre. It was great to see so many supportive parents and staff members.

Thank you to all of the year 9's , 11's and 12's for captivating us with your performance assessment; you have all done an amazing job!



MDC has never looked better! These girls have worked very hard and have really raised the standards for MacKillop.

We're so excited for you to wait and see what's in store for the next Dance Night in Term 4!



Kind regards,

**Miss Abigail Hatton**

# ANZAC DAY



We were blessed again here at MacKillop to be supported by 1 CSR Regiment( Robertson Barracks,) ot our ANZAC Day Service, Also alongside were our Army cadets and Airforce Cadets assisted in our yearly Anzac Day Service, Jimmy Permsati who led the Catafalque party followed by Vincent Di Donato, Zachary Shultz, Calin Napier and Jordan McGregor.

Once again, our Cadets were outstanding and did us proud. With the support of all our students here at MacKillop Catholic College, who displayed a commitment to embodying the ANZAC spirit and reflected our values of courage, mateship and leadership, we had a wonderful and reverent ANZAC Day service. Thank you for your exemplary participation and for upholding the traditions of remembrance.



Kind regards,

**Mrs Sue Lowery - Defence Mentor Officer**



# COMMUNITY




**Ride Against Cancer NT**

Presenting a family friendly day on the racetrack.  
 Come join in the fun and experience time on the track with proceeds going to

**Alan Walker Cancer Care Centre**

Date: 25/05/2024 • Time: 08:00am - 12:00pm • Gates open at 07:00am

Have you ever wanted to walk, jog, cycle, skateboard, roller blade or wheelchair on **Hidden Valley Racetrack**? Now is your chance! **Helmets are MANDATORY.**  
**Don't forget to bring your bike/board/blades/wheelchair.**




In March 2019, **Chantal** was diagnosed with Stage 4 Small Cell Lung Cancer. Her daughter and beautiful friends raised the funds to remove the financial burden, allowing Chantal to put all her efforts into her well-being. This is how 66 Laps for Chantal was born! Chantal was a true fighter but lost her battle with cancer in September 2021.

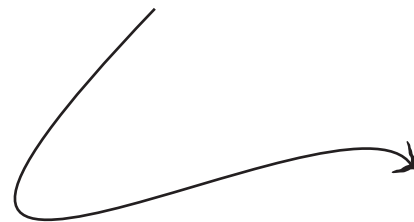
Ticket purchase & donations can be made through QR code.  
 Adult \$20 • Family Pass \$30 • Free entry for children under 15  
 Hidden Valley Raceway Gate: 2, 171 Hidden Valley Rd, Hidden Valley  
 Like our Facebook page for event updates / Ride Against Cancer NT



Ride Against Cancer NT is happening again at the Alan Walker Cancer Care Centre! 25th of May, gates open at 7:00AM for anyone to watch or join riding on the Hidden Valley Racetrack!

Tickets for adults and families can be purchased through the QR Code below:

**Scan me for tickets!**



## Violent Events

In light of recent violent events in our community, we have been reminded to speak to families about their effects on our young people. Please see the below link to a resource on how to go about discussing these events in your home.

<https://www.mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/ttcaveresource/>



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