



PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Dear Members of the MacKillop Catholic College Community,

Last Sunday was the Gospel of the Parable of the Mustard Seed. Jesus tells us: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet

when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." (Matthew 13:31-32). The mustard seed is notably small, symbolizing the humble and seemingly insignificant

beginnings of the Kingdom of God. This imagery teaches us that the Kingdom of God does not arrive in a grandiose manner but begins in small, almost imperceptible ways. Despite its tiny size, the mustard seed grows into a large plant, illustrating how the Kingdom of God expands and flourishes beyond our expectations. In our daily lives, this reminds us that even our smallest acts of faith and love contribute to the larger mission of God's Kingdom. At MacKillop, we see this growth

in our students' daily acts of kindness and their commitment to living out Christian values. The parable highlights that once grown, the mustard plant becomes large enough for birds to perch in its branches. This symbolizes the inclusivity and refuge offered by the Kingdom of God. It is a place where all can find shelter, peace, and a sense of belonging. Our school embodies this teaching by fostering an inclusive community where every student is loved, included and accepted. We strive to create an environment

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where everyone feels welcome and is encouraged to grow spiritually, academically, and socially. The growth of the mustard seed into a tree is not instantaneous; it requires time and nurturing. This aspect of the parable teaches us about the virtues of faith and patience.

The Kingdom of God grows gradually, often in ways that are not immediately visible. At MacKillop, we emphasize the importance of patience and trust in God's timing. Our educational journey is a testament to this, as we patiently nurture the intellectual and spiritual development

of our students, trusting that they will grow into individuals who embody Christian values. As we reflect on this parable, let us be inspired by its message and commit to nurturing the seeds of faith within ourselves and our community.

May we continue to grow together in the love and grace of God, becoming a living testament to His Kingdom here on earth.

Lucas Hurley

Principal

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' ADDRESS

Semester One has come to a close and we want to say well done to everyone for your efforts! A particular stand out to us was Sports Day - there was outstanding sportsmanship, and some serious talent going around all day.



Some other successes we had this Semester was Cross Country, our Project Compassion fundraisers and also our Friday quizzes! The winners of the quiz will be receiving their victory hamper to share amongst their class.

The interhouse sports competition was taken out by McCormack again! Get around your house members to take them out!

We hope that everyone has a safe three-week holiday! Refresh your brain and prepare for Term 3!

Hannah Tornsey and Dan Murphy

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3, WEEKS 1-5

WEEK 1

Pupil Free Day Monday, 15th of July	Students Return Tuesday, 16th of July
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WEEK 2

CDU Presentation Tuesday, 23rd of July	College Tour Wednesday, 24th of July	SATAC Information Session Wednesday, 24th of July
Catholic Cup - OCC Thursday, 25th of July	Public Holiday - Show Day Friday, 26th of July	

WEEK 3

PAARS Track & Field
Wednesday, 31st of July

WEEK 4

Public Holiday - Picnic Day Monday, 5th of August	Mackillop Feast Day Thursday, 8th of August	Colour Fun Run Friday, 9th of August
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WEEK 5

Year 10 Work Experience 12th to 16th of August	Year 8 Camp 12th to 16th of August	PAARS Touch Football Thursday, 15th of August
Feast of the Assumption Thursday, 15th of August		

STUDENT RECOGNITION



Last term, Year 12 Piper Heath graduated from her 18-month PFES cadetship! Piper was awarded the “Award for Excellent in Leadership”, which goes to the Cadet who consistently displays leadership and guidance within the Squad. Piper has been a consistent high achiever within Cadets, and is highly regarded by PFES College staff where she has part time employment. We are very proud of Piper’s achievements!

Netball championships are coming up! Well done Sienna, Wynter, Marley and Zanetta for being selected to represent the School of Sport Education NT at the School Sport Australia 12 years and under Netball Championships in Melbourne, in September!



Year 12 and School Captain Hannah Torsney has been making some big moves in Netball this year. From attending netball championships to making the Australian squad, she’s done it all! Congratulations Hannah, keep up the great work!

AT MACKILLOP



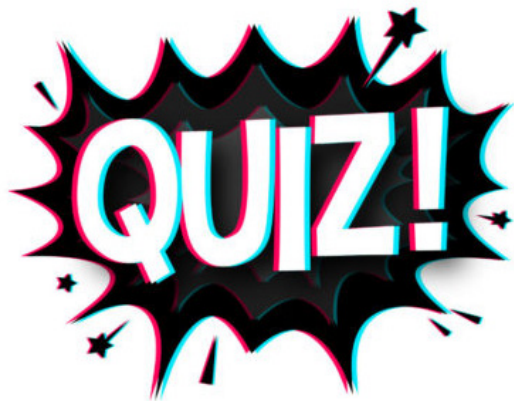
Year 10 Street Smart Excursion

This term, our Year 10's attended the annual 'Street Smart High' excursion, where they were presented with workshops, faced real-life scenarios, and heard impactful stories from people who have experienced road trauma.

Science Incursion

MacKillop was visited by some silly scientists who put on a fabulous show for us!

Thank you for sharing your awesome tricks and wowing us with your knowledge!



Homeform Quizzes

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 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Potter and the Clay (Romans 9:19-24; Jeremiah 18)

This is a powerful scripture, but so relevant to us today. We grow every day; however, we do not always see this growth. Sometimes we see it as negative behaviour, silly choices or even an expectation. Each one of us are unique to the creation of God, he has given us skills and gifts so we can be of service to him. At many times in our lives, we have all asked for different things, or even questioned why we were made the way we are.

The Lord asked Jeremiah to observe the potter at work. Jeremiah soon said he couldn't be the potter, and mold beautiful things out of clay. When Jeremiah watched the potter closely, he saw that there was a flaw in the craft being made. This small reflection is only demonstrating that we are all flawed and not perfect, but still gifts from God, perfect in the ways that matter.

Growing also means following all the expectations placed upon our shoulders. Being at school on time, being in class, on task working to our very best ability, being in the correct uniform and growing into the adults that soon become the society we want to live in.

Term 2 is closing, and I pray you all have a restful break, recharge the batteries, ready to smash out our next semester. Term 3 starts with a regular school day on Tuesday 16th July 2024.

This semester we explored some of this with our year 10s on their retreat "I am enough", the students looked at many areas including their image of God but also themselves. They too became the potter, using clay to make their version of what God looked like. We can see God in everything if only we look.

Often, we see others as the Master potter, we see all the great things they do, we forget to look closer to home and see our own masterpieces. Growing is hard, and for some it is harder than for others. As young people grow, they are the clay being molded often by many potters, but ultimately God, the master potter.

The greatest gift you can give anyone is the gift of life, this we see in your children, as a College we want them to be the very best version of themselves, grow and be successful in who they are. 'I am enough', says so much in today's society when the world wants to change us to its own reality. I say, be more than the potter, be the Masterpiece.

Kind regards,

Stella Wallis

TALKS WITH TINA



Leading up to our MacKillop Feast Day in August, we have been preparing over 10 students, taking them through the Sacrament program lead by Mr Hurley which runs weekly at lunch times on Monday. If you're interesting in learning more about Catholicism and the power of Baptism, reach out to Mrs Wallis, Mr Hurley or myself.

Abide Youth Group runs fortnightly on Fridays at Our Lady Help of Christians with the help of the NET team, and MacKillop alumni, Abide Youth Group is a fun way to make new friends, learn more about the faith, and have fun. We will be taking a break over the holidays but will be back next term and will keep you posted.



Also in the holidays is our Breakaway Youth Camp! This is an awesome opportunity for learning and exploring faith whilst making deeper connections with your peers.

Future Saint Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

Follow our youth ministry page on Instagram

@mcc_youthministry

The Pope has officially declared a second miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial Saint! Blessed Carlo Acutis had a love for the Eucharist and used his computer skills to create a website to share different Eucharistic Miracles with others around the world.

FROM THE MIDDLE YEARS CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

A couple of years ago, MacKillop added semester exams into the assessment schedule for a number of core subjects within the Middle School. The intention of this strategy is to familiarise our students to this format of assessment so that they are better prepared for the requirements of SACE subjects once they enter the Senior School. Middle School exams were completed during class time during Week 8 and student results were reviewed thereafter.

For some students, exam time may have been an uncomfortable experience. For others, sitting an exam may be a completely new experience. With this assessment strategy in place, it ensures that all students will have experience in the format early, rather than experience an exam for the first time in a high stakes SACE examination. See the list below for some helpful ways to manage exams, provided by the University of New South Wales.

1. Study subject materials and prepare useful notes
2. Try to get a good night's sleep
3. Eat something - fuel your brain
4. Don't panic and use positive self-talk on the day
5. Read all of the questions carefully
6. Don't over-answer questions
7. Pace yourself, but keep an eye on the time

Kind regards,

Matt Sharp

EXTRACURRICULAR

ARTS

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GRADE OF ORIGIN

In a thrilling display of skill and teamwork, the Year 10 squad triumphed as the champions of the 2024 Jack Cox Commemorative Plate, securing the prestigious Grade of Origin title with a decisive 26-4 victory over Year 9. The match commenced with an air of anticipation, as Year 9, the underdogs, dominated the early game. Nathan Wilson, a standout celebrity player from the younger team, led with a series of powerful runs, suggesting a potential upset was at hand.



However, despite their control over the game, Year 9, donning the blue indigenous jerseys, failed to convert their dominance into points. The tide turned when winger Zac Leibenberg, executed a spectacular catch from Vaiola Tofilua's crossfield kick, landing a try that electrified the crowd. This followed two initial tries by Cooper Moore, who was later named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the game, and who also scored a third try in the second half.

Mr Di Donato added a forward-looking statement, urging Mr Tunstall to begin preparing the current Year 8 team for next year's challenge, aiming to overcome the disappointment of this year's loss. Gratitude was extended to all participants and supporters who contributed to making the 2024 Grade of Origin a memorable event.

Kind regards,

Matt Sharp

Year 10's victory was further cemented by tries from Rohan Cram, who cleverly capitalized on a sneak kick-off, Brodie Peacock, who scored the final try in an unconventional pair of black leather shoes, and team captain Alex Liddle, who had the privilege of awarding the Plate to Year 10 Coordinator Ms. Lashbrook. Ms. Lashbrook expressed immense pride in her team's performance and was always confident in their ability to win the Plate. She commended the Year 9 team and their coordinator, Mr Di Donato, for their commendable sportsmanship.



YEAR 11 CAMP

For what was possibly the most amazing camp of all time, Year 11 loaded up the bus and headed down the long and dusty road to Jabiru! For some of us it was a joyful celebration of the beauty in our own backyard, and for others our first adventure into the ancient lands of Kakadu. And adventure we certainly did! We cruised Ngurrungurrudjba (Yellowwater Billabong) admiring a whole host of crocodilian friends, and avidly argued our 'top three' birds - stiff competition when Kakadu is home to more than 280 different types of birds - around a third of all bird species in Australia.



We were blessed with a stunning flower show, and according to our knowledgeable and hilarious guide - Dennis - there were more water lilies flowering in Ngurrungurrudjba than there have been in the last 20 years! We scrambled up Ubirr for stunning sunsets and expanded our minds through a guided bush tucker tour, where a Jaywon traditional owner enlightened us with the history and properties of the incredible plants of Kakadu.

We ate like kings and queens thanks to the enthusiastic work of head Chef, Ms. Juni and general camp superstars - Miss. Syme, Ms. Price, Ms. Jinglan, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Tan, Miss. Lashbrook Mr. Wallis, Mr Hurley and of course; the wonderful Father Mick who rounded out our camp with a beautiful mass in the splendour of God's largest Church - our beautiful natural world!

Kind regards,

Mae Campbell-Emery



SEUSSICAL JR.

After 18 months, the Musical has finally come to a close. So much work was put into this production from our talented cast, backstage crew, and teachers around the school who helped us bring Seussical Jr. to life.



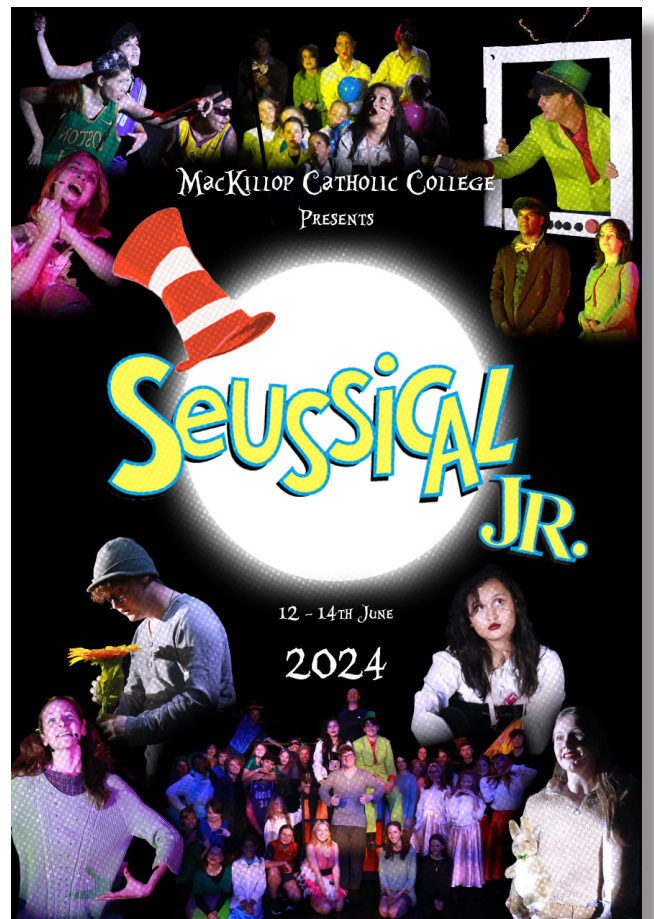
With under 40 cast members and 32 musical numbers, this was one of the largest and most impressive shows MacKillop has produced! The stage was just as intricate, with a two-level set, and a lighting desk with over 150 cues.

Thank you to everyone who has put in so much hard work to help us with Seussical Jr. You have not gone unnoticed and your efforts are overwhelmingly appreciated.

Now, we rest, rejuvenate, and look forward to our next production, which is already in planning!

Kind regards,

David Lloyd



MACKILLOP SPORTS



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 Track & Field
Wednesday, 31st of July

PAARS Touch Football
Thursday, 15th of August

PAARS Orienteering
Friday, 30th of August

Swimming Carnival

Thursday, 19th of September

PAARS Swimming Carnival
Wednesday, 30th of October

Top End Middle Volleyball
Wednesday, 30th of October



Kind regards,

Chloe Syme

FROM CAREERS



Upcoming Events

SATAC Information Session

10.00am Wednesday 12th July

Information about applying for SA/NT university.

ADF (Defence Force) Academy Open Day

Saturday 17th August

Excursion forms available.

Darwin Careers Expo

Tuesday 20th August 2024

More information to come

Monash University Information Evening

6:00pm Tuesday 27th August

Register: <https://www.monash.edu/news/events/monash-information-evening-apply-from-interstate-sa-and-nt>

Expressions of Interest for VET courses in 2025 are 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 3 will be shared via SEQTA Notices, MacKillop Catholic College Courses and Careers Facebook page.

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

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Tuesday the 11th of June we had our annual Athletics Carnival. It was a great day that allowed students to show off their athletic abilities and have a bit of fun.



We saw so much awesome talent on Sports Day! Everyone really put in enormous amounts of effort and showed great school spirit for their houses by keeping their areas tidy, participating in all events and cheering on their peers. Age Champions and the winning house will be announced early next term, at our first assembly.



Well done to the Yr 12's who facilitated the bbq with sausage sizzles and soft drinks, had some of our most fantastic Sports Day costumes yet, and led their houses in vibrant and enthusiastic chants!



We are now looking forward to our Swimming Carnival on Thursday the 19th of September at SWELL Palmerston.

Kind regards,

Chloe Syme



RECONCILIATION WEEK

As part of our observance of Reconciliation Week, we welcomed special guests Pastor John and a group of Elders affected by the Stolen Generation. Our heartfelt discussion with Pastor John helped to foster understanding and empathy amongst our students. After the talk, all of the students who attended were given an opportunity to talk with the Elders and learn about their experiences.



Additionally, to foster connection in our school community, we hosted a sausage sizzle for students and a nail-biting Staff vs Students netball game at lunchtime. Both sides put up a fight, but the students emerged victorious!

The staff and students' dedication and enthusiasm made this week truly impactful.

To those who helped coordinate events, your hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed, and we are proud to have such a dedicated team.

Once again, thank you for your support and participation. Together, we can make a difference.

Kind regards,

AIEW Team



COLOUR FUN RUN

We are holding School Fun Run's Crazy Colour Day this year, which is being organised by the Year 12's. We will be raising much needed funds in the lead up to the Year 12 Graduation, so we're asking everyone to set up a fundraising page! Every student that raises at least \$10 will be able to order a prize. The more money raised, the better the prize(s). We will be holding our event on Friday, Week 4, Term 3, August 9th!



All we need you to do is create an online profile at funrun.com.au. The 3 classes with the most profiles will all get an icy pole each!

This is an inclusive fundraiser we would love you to be a part of! If you would like to come down and watch your kids run on the day, we would love to see you there!

Kind regards,

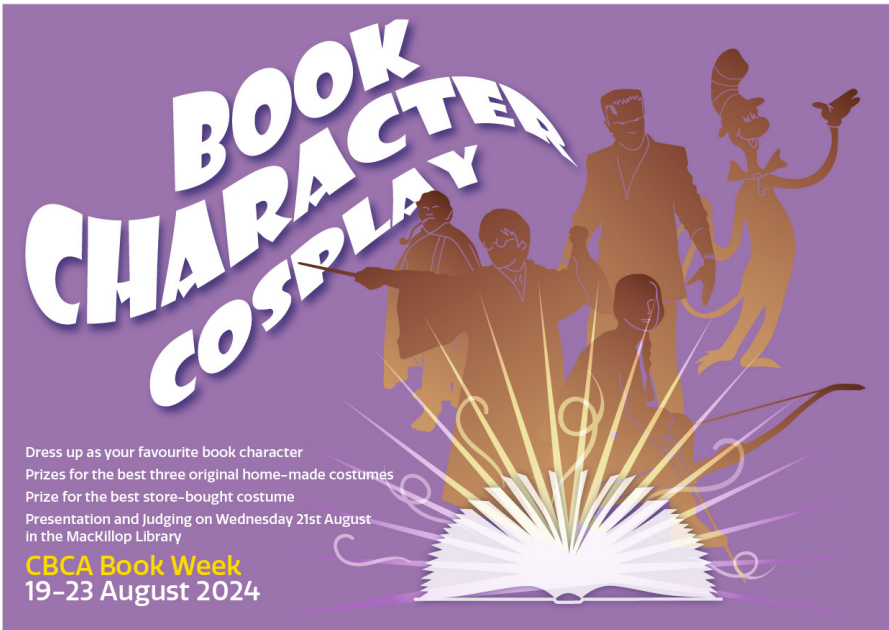
Michael Cunningham



School Fun Run is an online fundraising program, where all students go home and create their own online profile. You then choose your target prizes and work towards hitting your target! In your profile you will have a unique cyber-safe link to share with your family and friends to donate to get you close to your target.



COMMUNITY



BOOK CHARACTER COSPLAY

Dress up as your favourite book character
 Prizes for the best three original home-made costumes
 Prize for the best store-bought costume
 Presentation and Judging on Wednesday 21st August
 in the MacKillop Library

CBCA Book Week
 19-23 August 2024

Book Character Week is coming up in Week 6 of next term! Start preparing your character now! Awesome prizes to be won!



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TERM 2, WEEK 10 NEWSLETTER