



PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Dear Members of the MacKillop Catholic College Community,

Throughout a period of five consecutive Sundays, the Church is currently reading from the Gospel of John Chapter 6. In John 6:53, Jesus makes a bold and profound statement: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat

the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." This verse is central to Catholic teaching on the Eucharist, the Sacrament that lies at the heart of Catholic worship and theology. In this passage, Jesus is

not speaking metaphorically but revealing a deep mystery of faith. The Church teaches that when Jesus speaks of eating His flesh and drinking His blood, He is instituting the Eucharist, the Sacrament in which bread and wine are truly transformed into His Body and Blood. This teaching, known as the doctrine of Transubstantiation, affirms that the substances of bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, even though their appearances remain unchanged.

The context of John 6 is crucial to understanding the gravity of Jesus' words. Earlier in the chapter, He feeds the 5,000, a miracle that foreshadows the Eucharist. The crowd follows Him, seeking more bread, but Jesus offers them something far greater—Himself, the true Bread from Heaven. When He declares that His flesh is "true food" and His blood "true drink" (John 6:55), many of His followers struggle to accept this teaching. Some even abandon Him, unable to grasp the spiritual reality He is revealing.

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Catholics believe that the Eucharist is not just a symbol but the very source of spiritual life. Jesus' words in John 6:53 emphasize that without this divine nourishment, one cannot have life in them. The Eucharist is seen as the continuation of the Incarnation, where Christ, who became flesh for our salvation, continues to give Himself to us in a tangible, physical way.

In the Mass, when the priest consecrates the bread and wine, Catholics believe they receive Christ Himself. This act is not merely a remembrance of the Last Supper, but a representation of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. By partaking in the Eucharist, Catholics enter into a deep communion with Christ and with one another, receiving the grace to live as mem-

bers of His Body, the Church. Jesus calls for a radical trust in His words and a willingness to accept the mysteries of faith, even when they surpass human understanding. The Eucharist is a profound mystery that invites believers to trust in the power and love of Christ.

Lucas Hurley

Principal

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' ADDRESS

Feast day was amazing! The MacKillop Dash was lots of fun and there were some fantastic performances. Thank you to all the students for making the day amazing with your respect and participation.



Lunchtime sports has been a tight competition in the volleyball and will be interesting to see which team takes it out.

Remember to make your way down, as teams are looking for players each Friday! With the second half of the year

truly underway, we have entered some tough territory. Please make sure you reach out to family, friends and teachers if you are struggling.

We hope you enjoy the rest of Term 3!

Hannah Tornsey and Dan Murphy

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3, WEEKS 6-10

WEEK 6

PAT Testing (Years 7-9)
19th to 22nd of August

Darwin Careers Expo
Tuesday, 20th of August

Student Free Day
Friday, 23rd of August

Book Character Day
Wednesday, 21st of August

WEEK 7

Year 9 Camp
26th to 30th of August

Assembly
Wednesday, 28th of August

PAARS Orienteering
Friday, 30th of August

WEEK 8

Year 10 Work Experience
Monday, 2nd of September

Year 7 Retreat
2nd to 6th of September

Year 8 Camp
2nd to 5th of September

WEEK 9

Interschool Rugby Gala Day
10th to 11th of September

RUOK Day
Thursday, 12th of September

Young Musician of the Year
Friday, 13th of September

WEEK 10

Family Conferences
17th to 18th of September

PAARS Table Tennis
Wednesday, 18th of September

Swimming Carnival
Thursday, 19th of September

STUDENT RECOGNITION



These Year 8 girls have entered the Language Teachers' Association NT (LTANT) competition, which encourages learners who are studying a language to showcase their language skills. They dressed in Yukata (Japanese summer kimono) for their presentations. Fantastic work, girls!



Congratulations to our Sacramental students, who were Baptised on Mary MacKillop Feast Day. What an honour to witness this milestone in your life!



Well done to Isla in Year 9 who took our First Place for Junior Craft at the Darwin Show! Her homemade cosplay dress was super impressive. Keep it up!



AT MACKILLOP



Religious Music Workshop

This term, the fabulous Dan Ryan visited the College and undertook a series of religious music workshop for our Junior students. A great way to learn more hymns and have some fun while singing along to some great songs!

Ice Skating for Maths

HOD Mark Wilson took a fine selection of Maths students to go Ice Skating this term. Aside from a couple of misplaced feet and some bumped heads, what a great time they had!



Blessing the Grounds

We were incredibly grateful to have Fr. Mick visit to the College especially to bless the grounds. We pray that the Lord watches over our school and showers it with his love and protection.

FROM THE MIDDLE YEARS CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

A process that is occasionally misunderstood by students of our Middle School and their families is the Change of Subject process. Students in Years 7 and 8 typically accompany their Pastoral Care class for core subjects, followed by a predetermined sequence of 'set electives'. Setting aside curriculum compliance, this structured approach enables students to engage with subjects from all our creative, technical, and language-based departments. This exposure helps them make well-informed choices about their Year 9 classes when they gain the freedom to choose what subjects they'd like to study.

Middle School students have more control over their Friday afternoon elective choices. This elective offering, designed for exploring personal interests and fostering cross-year peer relationships, is a highlight of our program. The selection for the Friday elective, also known as the 'Community Connections' elective, is done each term through a preferential ranking system. Most students are placed in one of their top three preferred classes. While changes of mind are permitted, they must be made by the second Friday of each term.

Kind regards,

Matt Sharp



EXTRACURRICULAR

ARTS

MacKillop Dance Company
Miss Abigail Hatton
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Instrumental Music
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Art Club
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NEW

MacKillop Drama Society
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OTHER

Chess Club
Mr Jaques Retief
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SPORT

MacKillop Saints Rugby
Mr Matthew Sharp
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TALKS WITH TINA



Over the term break the Diocese of Darwin held Breakaway Youth Camp, a gathering that took place at MacKillop with over 70 young people from across the NY coming together. It was a unique opportunity for the youth to connect, share and have fun. We have a breakaway youth night on the 23rd of August in "The Barn" @ O' Loughlins from 6-8pm.

Ten hearts, ten journeys, united in one faith. It has been a blessing to witness and see their growth and commitment as they approached the day where they were Baptised, Confirmed and received their First Holy Communion on our Feast Day Mass.



A momentous event occurred with the ordination of Deacon Shehan. This ceremony marked the beginning of a new chapter in his ministry, ready to serve and guide the community with dedication and faith.

Blessings,

Tina Dib

Future Saint Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

Follow our youth ministry page on Instagram

@mcc_youthministry

MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY MASS

Mary MacKillop's Feast Day Mass is a celebration honoring Australia's first saint, St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, whose life was dedicated to education and service to the poor. Held annually on August 8th, the Mass commemorates her unwavering faith, compassion, and commitment to social justice. The School held a Mass at Mary Star of the Sea Cathedral to reflect her spirit, with prayers, hymns, and readings that inspired the community to live out her values.

out her values. This special day serves as a reminder of Mary MacKillop's legacy, encouraging all to follow her example of kindness, perseverance, and dedication to the marginalised in society. During the Mass we celebrated and welcomed 10 students into our Catholic community, a culmination of their faith formation journey as Catechists. This Feast Day Mass was made possible with the help from Tina Dib, our School Chaplin, the Holy Spirit Choir, Kathryn Ezzy and the School Choir.



Back at school, after a pizza lunch, we held our annual Mackillop Dash, where age groups battled it out to win a small trophy. After all other activities held by Languages and Arts, Mackillop Feast Day was a huge success.

Kind regards,

Carlo Di Donato



SAINTS NEWS

Term 3 is always bustling for our Rugby League players, with the Saints Friday Selective Boys Academy now including a Girls elective class in full swing.

By the end of Week 2, our Open Boys team faced O'Loughlin Catholic College in the annual Catholic Cup game, previously involving St. John's and St. Joey's in Katherine. Led by MVP prop Hunter Knight, our boys triumphed, securing the Cup at MacKillop for the 10th year running.



The Year 9 & 10 match was tighter, ending in a 22-12 win over a rapidly advancing opponent. The two Coopers, Williamson and Moore, continued their scoring streak from the Catholic Cup with a try each. Jackson Jones and Brody Peacock also scored a try apiece in the game.

Kind regards,

Matt Sharp



In Week 4, Taminmin came for two friendly matches as a warm-up for the Gala Day later in the term. Our Year 7 & 8 team overturned a halftime deficit to clinch a decisive 34-16 victory. Standout performances from Timana Roe, Walter Lasker, and Gabriel Te Maro, with strong support from Judd Boulton, Zaiden Smith, and Bryce Anderson, were pivotal.

MACKILLOP'S GOT TALENT

MacKillop's Got Talent was a blast with a unique act taking the first prize! Students conquered their fears and nervousness by performing and displaying their talents in front of the whole school on our college feast day.

There were many entertaining acts displayed by students and some teachers took to the stage too to show students their skills. Even Mr Hurley and Mr Sellwood showed off their sporting skills!



Third place was taken by a comedy rap act performed by Lilly Gray. Second place was taken out by the rock band that comprised of Kahel Busby, Oliver Jarvis and Alex Johnstone. But the coveted first prize was taken out by Chantana Lov with her Karate demonstration.



Congrats to all students who participated and shared their talents with the College. It's your courage that allows us to have a MacKillop's Got Talent every year!

Kind regards,

Kathryn Ezzy



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.

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

PAARS Middle Basketball
Friday, 8th of November

Information about individual events will be shared with students in Pastoral Care and can be found in the notices section in SEQTA.



FROM CAREERS

The MacKillop Careers Office is available every day for all students at recess in the Flexible Learning Centre.

Resumes

Courses

Career opportunities

Expressions of Interest for VET courses in 2025 are open. Please visit the Careers Office at recess for forms and opportunities available.

Upcoming opportunities for Term 3 will be shared via SEQTA Notices, MacKillop Catholic College Courses and Careers Facebook page. It's busy term already we have had the SATAC information session all about university applications,

Week 6 is National Skills Week with the Darwin Careers Expo and University visits. James Cook University will be visiting on Wednesday 21 August during period 2 and Flinders University will be providing a lunchtime information session on the same day. See the calendar for more information.

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.



AVCAT Scholarships

AVCAT Scholarships are equity scholarships for the children and grandchildren of ex-serving veterans. Applications are assessed on financial need, academic potential and deservedness.

Applications are open in participating universities from the 18th of August and close on the 31st of October 2024.

UNE Early Entry Program

The UNE direct Early Entry program recognises that an ATAR is not the only measure of future success at university, so it's open to all Year 12 applicants, whether or not you're expecting to receive an ATAR. Apply directly to get your offer before the release of Year 12 results, giving you the certainty that no matter what happens, you have a place at UNE.

For more information or to apply, visit une.edu.au/study/study-on-campus/early-entry

FROM CAREERS

Upcoming Events

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
(Online)
6:00pm Tuesday 27th August
Register: <https://www.monash.edu/news/events/monash-information-evening-apply-from-inter-state-sa-and-nt>

Torrens University - Design and Creative
Technology Virtual Open Day (Online)
5:30pm Tuesday 20th August
Register: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/whats-on/open-day/virtual-open-day/design-and-creative-technology>

James Cook University Info Session
9:45am Wednesday 21st August
Flex Learning C217

Flinders University Info Session
1:20pm Wednesday 21st August
Flex Learning C217

Torrens University - Health and Education
Virtual Open Day (Online)
5:30pm Wednesday 21st August

Career Educators Association University
Info Session
5:30pm Thursday 22nd August

Rydges Palmerston

Torrens University - Business and
Hospitality Virtual Open Day (Online)
5:30pm Thursday 22nd August

Register: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/whats-on/open-day/virtual-open-day/business-and-hospitality>

Defence Careers Australia Information
Session
5:30pm Tuesday 27th August

Darwin ADF Careers Centre

Register: <https://www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/events-detail/uyj1lwa>

CDU - Support your Child Session
6:30pm Thursday 29th August

Darwin ADF Careers Centre

Register: <https://www.cdu.edu.au/events/how-parent-can-you-support-your-child%E2%80%99s-next-steps-university>

Kind regards,
Jane Marshall

COLOUR FUN RUN

The Colour Fun Run, organised by the Year 12s, was a great success! Students from all year levels joined in both the fundraising and the running on the day itself. We managed to raise a whopping \$2500 for the Year 12 graduation (and that doesn't include the money taken by the Fun Run organisers to pay for the prizes)!



After a lovely afternoon of colourful fun, everyone was ready to wash off, eat some icy cups and head home. Congratulations to the year 12's for hosting a really fantastic event that was of great benefit to the entire school! Truly, it was all the students who made it a great event I know I had a great time. Thanks again for all your support.

Kind regards,

Michael Cunningham



Big thank you to all those who participated and especially to the staff who jumped in to lend a hand (and get covered in colour). Our students were turned into moving works of art as they kept running laps of the course being sprayed alternately with water and colour, avoiding (or not) the pool noodles, and being targeted by water balloons.





NAIDOC WEEK

During Week 3 of term 3, Mackillop celebrated NAIDOC week with a range of activities and workshops for students and staff to enjoy. To kick off the week, we had a whole-school scavenger hunt, where students answered questions related to aboriginal and Torres strait island histories and achievements.



We had three main workshops, including weaving, didgeridoo playing and damper making, which was served at the whole-school feast alongside buffalo and crocodile sausages, kangaroo skewers, curries and chicken vermicelli.

To finish the week, we ended with a staff vs student volleyball game. Although it wasn't scored, staff were confident in their victory!

Thanks to special guests, Prof. Bin Sallik, Pastor John and Tiarna Pierce for running workshops, to food tech staff and ISA's for damper and food service, and finally to the AIEW team for all their hard work in a fantastic NAIDOC Week!

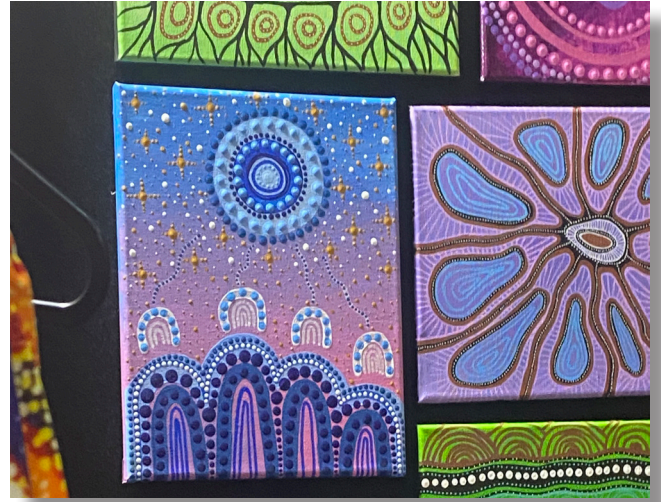


We were lucky enough to have special guest Prof. Mary-Ann Bin Sallik join us for our opening ceremony, who was featured in our scavenger hunt questions as the first indigenous Australian to gain a doctorate at Harvard University!

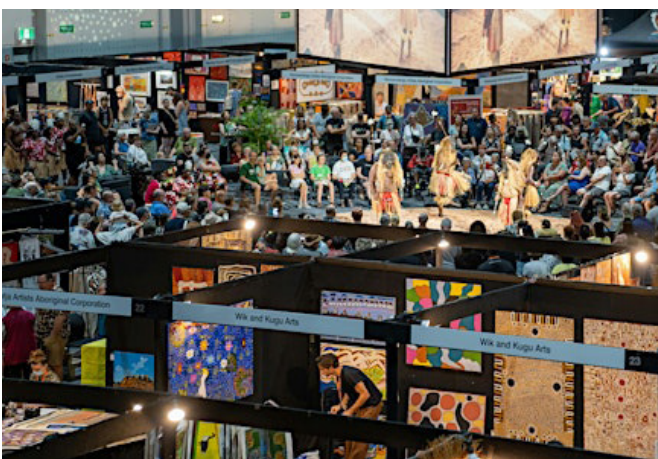


DARWIN ABORIGINAL ART FAIR

Year 10 Indigenous students had a fantastic time attending the Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair on Friday the 9th of August. An annual event designed to showcase the very best of Indigenous art and arts practice across the NT; the DAAF is always a multisensory delight.



Students enjoyed displays of various items from over 70 different arts centers, enjoyed a dance performance by dancers from Munupi Arts & Crafts Association, and Jilamara Arts & Crafts Association and general had an awesome time!



COMMUNITY



CDC has reminded us of their Code of Conduct. This is extremely important to follow when riding the school busses home. To see the code of conduct, visit our school website, or see the following QR Code:



St John's Volunteer Youth Program is a fantastic opportunity for young people to gain experience in the Health sector, make friendships and learn some extremely valuable skills. Meetings take place Monday (Palmerston) and Thursday (Farrar) nights from 5:30pm weekly. For more information, contact contact: volunteers@stjohnnt.asn.au or call on 8922 6205.

Youth are our future

St John NT Volunteer Youth Program

Learn lifesaving skills
 Explore careers in health
 Create lifelong friendships
 Make a difference





Meet Ieshia, School Counsellor

With a passion and drive in supporting student growth and wellbeing, Ieshia is dedicated to helping students navigate academic and personal challenges they may face. Specialising in stress management, trauma and grief, conflict resolution and navigating various personal challenges, Ieshia seeks to provide a confidential space for students to discuss concerns, aspirations, and goals.

Ieshia is committed to guiding students towards their goals, guiding students through life challenges, and celebrating their achievements; ensuring individuals feel heard, empowered, and supported throughout.

At Mackillop, Ieshia will be available weekly on Tuesdays, from 8:30am – 1:30pm. If you believe you could benefit from services provided by

Ieshia, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school to inquire about referral forms.

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