



PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Dear Members of the MacKillop Catholic College Community,

As we reflect on the life of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, we are reminded of the power of God's grace to transform lives. Celebrated on September 21st, Saint Matthew's story is one of profound conversion and commitment to the mission of Christ, providing us with a timeless example of faith, humility, and service. Matthew, also known as Levi, was a tax collector in Capernaum—a profession widely despised by his fellow

Jews due to its association with Roman oppression and corruption. Despite this, Jesus saw beyond Matthew's occupation and called him to be one of His twelve apostles. As the Gospel of Matthew recounts, Jesus simply said, "Follow me," and Matthew immediately left his tax booth and followed Him (Matthew 9:9). This moment is one of the most powerful in the Gospels, showing that Christ calls each of us, regardless of our past or status, to follow Him and be transformed by His love. After answering Christ's call, Matthew became a tireless evangelist, spreading the Good News of Jesus throughout the world. Matthew's Gospel emphasises Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah, fulfilling the prophecies of the Old Testament, and highlights the importance of mercy, compassion, and faith. As we celebrate Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, let us take inspiration from his journey of faith. May we, like him, respond to God's call with open hearts, allowing His grace to transform us. In doing so,

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we can become true disciples, committed to living and sharing the Gospel in our school and beyond.

Let us pray for the intercession of Saint Matthew, that we may grow in faith, humility, and service to others as we continue our journey as a Catholic school community.

Lucas Hurley

Principal



SCHOOL CAPTAINS' ADDRESS

Term 3 has wrapped up, and we'd like to say well don to students for getting so far - we're almost there! Thank you to staff for our Swimming Carnival, which was a great end to the term. This holidays, make sure you get some good rest,



hand in all your assignments, and come back to school in one piece! We want to give a special shout-out to our fellow comrades, our very own

Year 12's, as this is our last official school holidays! For the end of the term, we'd like to leave you with two extra special things:

1. A random fact - A mix between a chihuahua and a dachshund is called a "chiweenie".
2. "If you can dream it, you can do it. Never give up." - Rudyard Kiplin

See you in Term 4!

Hannah Tornsey and Dan Murphy

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 4, WEEKS 1-5

WEEK 1

PAT Testing

7th to 11th of October

SAINTS Tour

9th to 11th of October

World Mental Health Day

Thursday, 10th of October

WEEK 2

Year 11 Leadership Retreat

Monday, 14th of October

Parent Info Night (10 to 11)

Tuesday 15th of October

PAARS Senior Badminton

Wednesday, 16th of October

Assembly

Wednesday, 16th of October

College Tour

Wednesday, 16th of October

WEEK 3

Parent Info Night (9 to 10)

Tuesday 22nd of October

World Teacher's Day

Friday, 25th of October

WEEK 4

PAARS Swimming Carnival

Wednesday, 30th of October

PAARS Middle Volleyball

Wednesday, 30th of October

Languages Food Fundraiser

Thursday, 31st of October

All Saints Day Mass

Thursday 31st of October

All Souls Day

Friday 1st of November

WEEK 5

Remembrance Day

Monday, 11th of November

Stage 2 Exams

4th to 15th of November

PAARS Middle 3x3 Basketball

Friday, 8th of November

STUDENT RECOGNITION

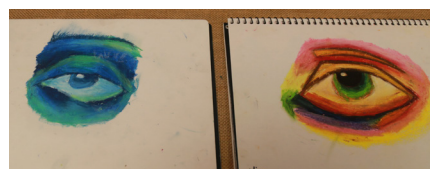
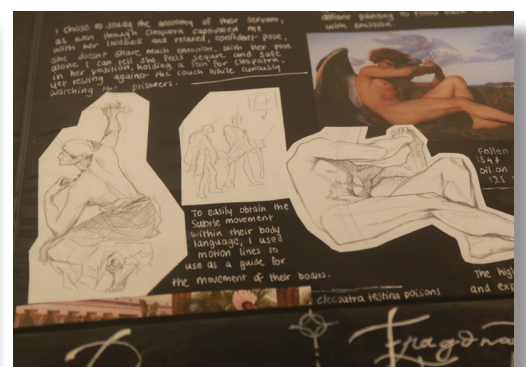


Our language students competed in both the poster and speaking competitions across all four languages: Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese, and French at the Language Fest. This major event in NT featured 21 different schools and 417 entries. We are thrilled to announce that we swept the floor with numerous prizes and achieved outstanding results. A big thank you to our language teachers, Chee and Virginia. Well done!



Miss Abby's extracurricular dance troupe competed in the Evolution Dance Competition this year! They were a highly decorated addition to the competition. Well done everyone!

Our Term 3 Art Exhibition displayed some incredible works of art! Have a look for yourself:



AT MACKILLOP



Stage 2 Food and Hospitality

Our Stage 2 Food and Hospitality students have put on a treat for staff this term! They prepared a fantastic lunch of chicken pesto pasta, spicy dan dan noodles and chicken enchiladas, and a delicious dessert platter, with chocolate caramel cake, meringues, profiteroles, chocolate mousse and vanilla cake! Thank you Stage 2!

RUOK Day

RUOK Day was a great success at MacKillop! To share the spirit of the day, students and staff were encouraged to wear a yellow accessory. Additionally, students joined in on the fun with face painting during recess and lunch for a donation, with the help of Mr Power, Ms Emery, Ms Jinglan and Miss Jess. One stand out student was Billy, who not only helped set up and spread the word, but got two different designs on his face, coming for recess and lunch! All proceeds went towards the RUOK Organisation, to help support suicide prevention. Well done MacKillop!



Science Week

This year's Science Week theme was Species Survival – More Than Just Sustainability. MacKillop had a huge range of activities planned, including quizzes, microscopes, identifying organisms and making slime and sherbert!

YEAR 7 RETREAT

This year the biggest event on the calendar was our retreat. All Year Seven's were invited to spend a night away from the hustle and bustle of daily school life to just hang out with Jesus and their friends.



As we are the largest cohort in the school our retreat went for a whole week for staff (Mrs. Wallis, Mrs. Cadell and Tina) but just the one night for the students: Every day a new group of Year Sevens arrived and each day you could see the excitement in their eyes as they got off the bus. The first job was to assign cabins, and then it was full on activity central.



The purpose of a retreat is to offer a safe secluded environment so that a connection can be established with Jesus and God. The biggest takeaway from retreat was the message that each one of us is a mustard seed. Jesus' uses the mustard seed as an example of our potential in faith. When a believer begins their journey, they have just begun to learn about how much God loves them, how much He wants to do for them, and all that He has for them.



Kind regards,

Deb Cadell

TALKS WITH TINA



In Week 8, the Year 7 retreat was held at Riyala, with two classes staying overnight each day. It was a wonderful experience spending time with the Year 7 students and delving deeper into how each of us has unique gifts and talents. Though these may seem small now, like a mustard seed, they will grow and by Year 12 we hope they become like a mustard tree.

It's important to start using these gifts now, as we all contribute to making up the body of Christ, each playing a vital role in that unity. We can use our gifts to grow in our spiritual calling and to bless those around us, such as our family, friends and even teachers at school. This will contribute towards us growing together as a solid



Exciting news! On September 21st and 22nd, St. Mary's Cathedral in the city will host the Holy Relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Bishop Charles Gauci is inviting both Catholics and non-believers to explore this extraordinary piece of church history.

Follow our youth ministry page on Instagram
[@mcc_youthministry](https://www.instagram.com/mcc_youthministry)

Kind regards,

Tina Dib

FROM THE MIDDLE YEARS CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

In the first two weeks of Term 4, all Middle Years and Year 10 students will undertake PAT assessments in Mathematics, Reading, and Science. For this session, the Mathematics and Reading PAT assessments will take place in the Library, styled as an exam hall, to gather reliable data and to familiarise students with the exam en-

The PAT assessments, which are computer-based (laptops will be provided), adapt to each student's level of ability. These assessments are crucial for measuring a student's knowledge, skills, and understanding within a subject. This helps identify their current position in their educational journey and the next steps needed for advancement. The results are then utilised by teachers to

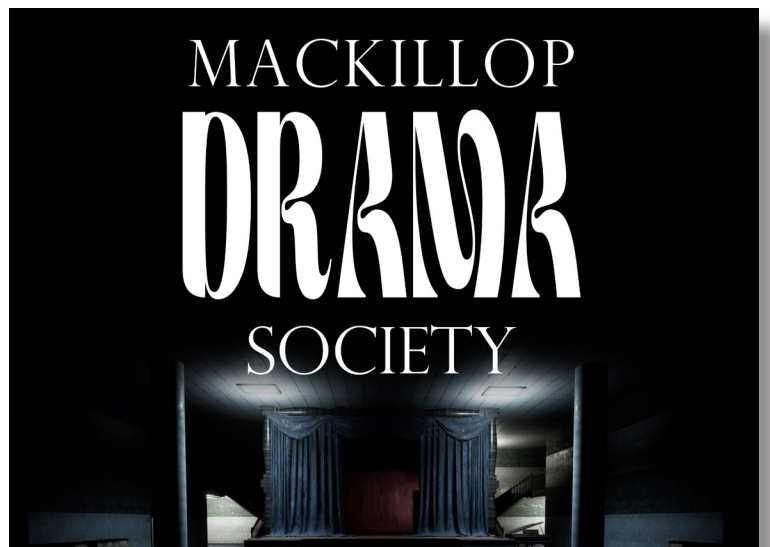
Kind regards,

Matt Sharp

EXTRACURRICULAR

Watch this space for more information on MacKillop's new extracurricular, MacKillop Drama Society!

If you're interested to know more, contact Mr Lloyd to talk to him about all things drama and getting involved in this awesome club.



ARTS

MacKillop Dance Company
 Miss Abigail Hatton
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Instrumental Music
 Ms Kathryn Ezzy
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Art Club
 Mr Jaques Retief
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NEW

MacKillop Drama Society
 Mr David Lloyd
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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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SAINTS NEWS

The MacKillop Saints U15s Boys and Girls teams participated in the NRL NT Schools Gala Day at Webber Park during Week 9 of Term 3. The Boys team experienced an unusual defeat, falling to the older-looking teams from Taminmin and Palmerston College. Despite the disappointing results, several players stood out with strong performances in our two games. Notably, Jay Luchich and Walter Lasker from Year 8, and Jyles Boulton from Year 9, were among the top performers.



The Girls team came tantalisingly close, ending their tournament with a draw in the Grand Final against Palmerston College. However, they missed out on the trophy due to a points countback from previous games where Palmerston had scored more. Lily Roberts was named best on ground for the tournament by her peers and was capably supported by Emily Cogill and Laiko Sagiba.



Nevertheless, it's not all bad news, as both teams had an opportunity for redemption at the Palmerston Cup in Week 10, where our Year 12 students made their final appearance representing the college. Stay tuned for the results of the Cup Games!

Kind regards,

Matt Sharp

YEAR 9 CAMP

Students had an amazing experience on the recent school camp, which included a fun and educational visit to the Territory Wildlife Park. They had the opportunity to see and learn about native wildlife up close, sparking curiosity and excitement. The adventure continued with fishing and crabbing activities at Crab Claw Island, where students enjoyed the thrill of being out on the water and connecting with nature in a hands-on way.



A special thank you goes out to the dedicated staff who helped make this camp such a success, especially Bianca Potts, affectionately known as our “camp mum,” and Siobhan Bromley. Your support and care ensured the students had a memorable and enriching time.



Kind regards,
Carlo Di Donato



CBCA BOOK WEEK

The theme for CBCA Book Week this year was “Reading is magic” and it is! Book Week activities included a Literary Treasure Hunt, a Short Story competition, a Poetry competition and the annual Cosplay Costume Competition! Thank you to all those who made the effort to be creative both in 2D and 3D.



Winners of the various competitions were:

Short Story

Seniors – Vanessa Owino

Middle Years – Sienna Tanner

Poetry

Seniors – Isabella Townsend

Middle Years – Mindy Davis

Best Original Costume

Seniors – Elizabeth Maxwell

Middle Years – Abigail Cook

Best Store-bought Costume

Charlize De Soza

Best Staff Costume

Mr. Cunningham

Kind regards,

Shirley Donnelly



MACKILLOP SPORTS



Our whole school sports events are slowly finishing up for the year!

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 Swimming Carnival
Wednesday, 30th of October

Top End Middle Volleyball
Wednesday, 30th of October

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



Kind regards,

Chloe Syme



FROM CAREERS



Darwin Career Expo - Marrara

Upcoming Events

TAFE SA - Information Sessions

Diploma of Graphic Design Info

Advanced Diploma of Graphic Design Info

Certificate IV in Design Info

6:00pm Tuesday 24th September

Online

Defence Careers - Information Session

5:30pm Thursday 26th August

Darwin ADF Careers Centre

AVCAT Scholarships - Applications for AVCAT scholarships close on the 31st of October, 2024.

Tertiary applications for 2025 are open Australia-wide! Get your applying to uni survival guides now, to help you with basic uni knowledge!

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 4 will be shared via SEQTA Notices, MacKillop Catholic College Courses and Careers Facebook page.

This term we ventured out to the Darwin Careers Expo. It was great to see students discuss career opportunities with numerous organisations from across Australia.

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

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Thursday the 19th of September we had our annual Swimming Carnival! This was a fantastic day filled with laughter, music, costumes and some tremendous swimming talent!



Well done to our age champions for putting on a show, to all students who came to participate in an amazing day at the pool, and congratulations to McCormack for taking out the trophy.



A massive thank you to Miss Syme, the PE Department, our admin staff and all other helpers who made this day extraordinary for all students. We look forward to next year, where we aim to make our biggest and best Swimming Carnival yet!

Kind regards,

Chloe Syme



YEAR 8 CAMP

Year 8 students went to Camp Woollybutt at the Territory Wildlife Park. The students had a wonderful experience across each of the camps. Some of the activities were: exploring the park, including the animal feeding shows, working in teams to complete challenges, telling stories by the (imaginary) campfire and even catching toads!



Students displayed a great level of resilience and cooperation by helping each other to set up and pack away their campsites throughout the trip which resulted in a very enjoyable experience for all. Well done to all involved, including the staff who camped out with the students.



Kind regards,
 Travis Tunstall

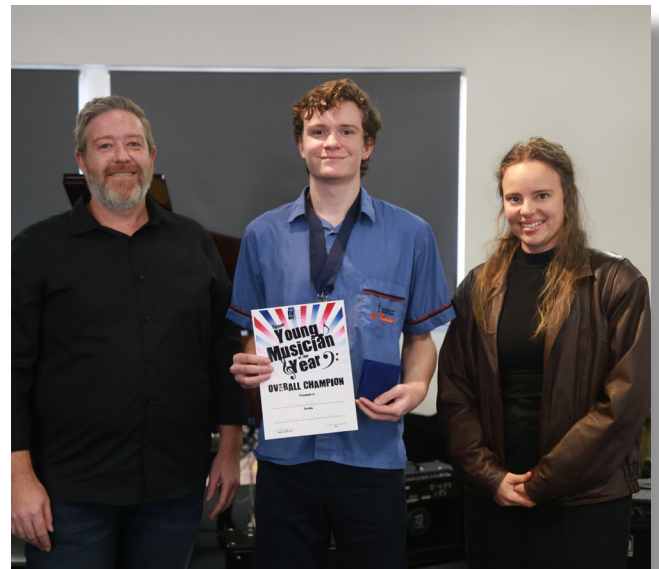


YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR

This term we held our annual Young Musician of the Year! We had a range of incredible musical talent in many categories, such as strings, percussion, voice and wind. Congratulations to all of our brave and talented students who competed in the competition!



Thank you to our special guest who visited the College as our adjudicator, and provided some extremely valuable feedback to all of our contestants. A special shout-out to Year 12 Blaze Colley, who took out the Overall Champion Award for the competition!



Well done to all of our talented students. Keep practicing, and see you all again next year!

COMMUNITY


Free workshop

2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers
Darwin, NT

 Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register



During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

 **Wednesday & Thursday**
 20 & 21 November, 2024
 9:30am - 2:30pm

 **Novotel Darwin Airport**
 2 Sir Norman Brearley Drive
 MARRARA NT 0812

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided

 **Interpreters available upon request**

For more information or to register visit:
<https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC>
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This opportunity is open to people aged 10+ with a disability. Try a range of Para-sports, meet Paralympians, make new friends, get active and have fun! The event takes place on Saturday the 26th of October at the Marrara Netball Stadium, from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Scan the QR Code on the poster to submit your registration for this awesome event!

Positive Partnerships NT are pleased to let you know that their next face to face 2 Day Parent Carer Workshop will be at Novotel Airport Hotel 20-21 November 2024: 9.30-2.30pm.

Parents are able to bring along a friend. The workshop is free to attend, with morning tea, lunch and a workbook provided. A new Webinar is also being presented next week on 25th September (am & pm): An Introduction to Positive Partnerships. For more information, visit the following site: www.positivepartnerships.com.au.



Your Para-sport Journey Starts Here!

Details
 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Saturday 26 October 2024
 Territory Netball Stadium
 235 Abala Rd, Marrara NT 0812

Try a range of Para-sports, meet Paralympians, make new friends, get active and have fun!

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