



MACKILLOP
Catholic College

TERM 1, WEEK 10 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME



MR LUCAS HURLEY
PRINCIPAL

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Dear MacKillop Catholic College Community,

As we return to school for the start of Term 2, we do so in one of the most significant weeks of the Catholic calendar—Holy Week. This sacred time invites us to reflect on the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Friday, when we remember Christ's ultimate sacrifice on the cross for the salvation of humanity. It is a day of prayer, fasting, and reflection, as we contemplate the depth of God's love for us. Good Friday services are a central part of our Catholic tradition, offering us

As a College community, we encourage all families to take part in their local parish's Holy Week services, especially on Good Friday. This is a meaningful way to deepen our faith and unite as a community in prayer and

the cornerstone of our faith. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and leads us through the solemn days of the Triduum. The most profound of these days is Good

an opportunity to journey with Christ through the Stations of the Cross and the solemn veneration of the cross. These services remind us of the immense love and mercy of God and prepare us for the joy of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death.

reflection. May this Holy Week be a time of grace, renewal, and spiritual growth for all. We look forward to seeing our students and families embracing this sacred time with reverence and devotion.

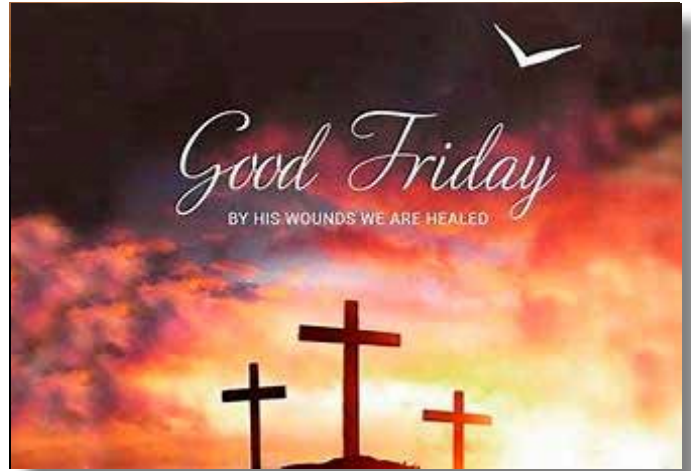
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Have wonderful and safe Term 1 holiday.

Blessings,

Lucas Hurley

Principal



SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S ADDRESS

We've had a great first term as the senior school captains of MacKillop, going through Project Compassion and various fundraising projects to improve our school community with the help of volunteers. By far, term 1 has been a great success for our leadership and fundraising efforts, and it motivates us even more to contribute to the school and organise more events for our students to provide fun activities to different year levels.

Have an awesome break!

Amber Netherwood and Louis Shepherd



LOUIS
SHEPHERD



AMBER
NETHERWOOD

We as school captains look forward to making term 2 exciting as possible, and are open to suggestions for new and exciting activities that everyone and anyone can participate in.



IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2, WEEKS 1-5

WEEK 1

- School Returns

Monday, 14th of April

- Holy Week

13th - 19th of April

- Easter Liturgy

Wednesday, 16th of April

- Good Friday Holiday

Friday, 18th of April

- School Photos (Day 1)

Thursday, 6th of March

WEEK 2

- Eater Monday Holiday

Monday, 21st of April

- VET Applications Open

Tuesday, 22nd of April

- ANZAC Day Liturgy

Wednesday, 23rd of April

- ANZAC Day Holiday

Friday, 25th of April

WEEK 3

- Year 8 Camp

28th of Apr - 2nd of May

- Interschool Hockey (SS & MS)

Thursday, 1st of May

- VET Careers Expo

Friday, 2nd of May

WEEK 4

- Big Science Competition

6th - 16th of May

- May Day Holiday

Monday, 5th of May

- Interschool Touch (SS & MS)

Thursday, 8th of May

- School Fete - Languages

Friday, 9th of May

WEEK 5

- VET Applications Close

Monday, 12th of May

- Year 10 PPEP Talk

Wednesday, 14th of May

- Academy Cup Rugby League

Wednesday, 14th of May



AT MACKILLOP



Mackillop Choir

In Term 1, we begun our MacKillop school choir auditions! It was fantatsic to see the multitude of interest in Middle and Senior years. We are extremely excited to see how they come together and what songs they will perform for us!

Languages Mural

The Languages Department have begun the Wel- come mural outside student services! We can al- ready see the fantastic student talent of this mural. Stay tuned for more updates on this piece of art!



HPE Fundraising

During Term 1, Stage 1 HPE ran a variety of fund- raisers to raise money for the replacement of basketball hoops and backboards for our under- cover courts! They did a fantastic bake sale, sold delicious sausage sizzles and even did a 'Guess the Eggs' easter egg jar during the Easter season! A great initiative from the students - well done!



MCC EXCELLENCE



Our very own Joshua Crowhurst secured the Thomas Snell “Most Courageous Junior Award” for the 2024/2025 NT Rugby Union season! The Thomas Snell Most Courageous Junior Award is given to an amazing young athlete with brave, strong and selfless team player traits. Fantastic work Joshua!



Our star Year 12 Natalia Grant took out the NT Rugby Union Women’s Best and Fairest for the 2024/2025 season! A massive congratulations to you Natalia on your achievement!!

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

Mr David Lloyd

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SPORT

MacKillop Saints Rugby

Mr Matthew Sharp

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FROM MIDDLE YEARS CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

As Term 1 comes to a close, middle school students are eagerly anticipating the holidays after a busy and productive term. Among them, our Year 7 and Year 9 students deserve special recognition for their efforts in completing the 2025 NAPLAN tests during Weeks 7 and 8. These assessments play a crucial role in shaping individual learning plans and opening up future academic pathways. We commend our students for their dedication and hard work.

Looking ahead to Term 2, students in Years 7 and 8 will have the opportunity to select from a new range of Friday electives. Rugby players may continue with their chosen sport for the full semester but also have the option to switch to a new elective, however, no new enrollments will be accepted for the Rugby elective at this time. Due to public holidays, elective selections will take place during Weeks 1 and 2 at school.

Kind regards,

Mr Matt Sharp





SAINTS NEWS

During Week 9, our Senior Boys team took to the field at the annual NRL Eels Cup Gala Day. While the results didn't go our way, the team put in a commendable performance, especially considering many players were making their debut and facing schools with both older and recruited players in a number of instances. Jackson Jones stood out as the best on ground for the tournament, earning selection in the **NRL NT Pathways program**.

He was well supported by Hunter Knight, Cooper Moore, and Alex Liddle, who also received selection honors. On the girls' side, Emily Cogill, Peyton Reid, and Sophie Roberts had the exciting opportunity to join a combined team with Palmerston College and Katherine for a friendly match against SEDA College. Their strong performances have earned them a spot in the highly anticipated Eels vs. Raiders curtain-raiser event during the holidays.



We wish them all the best in this opportunity!

Kind regards,

Mr Matt Sharp

FROM APRE

Faith, Reflection, and Community

As we journey through Lent, we are grateful for the opportunity to gather as a community for our Ash Wednesday Liturgy, led by Fr. Mick. It was a meaningful time of reflection, reminding us of the call to renewal and the depth of God's mercy. We also encourage everyone to continue supporting **Caritas Australia** through Project Compassion.

Even small contributions can make a big difference to those in need. Thank you to **Tina, Josh, Liam** and **Zac** for making Pancakes for a Purpose successful.

A reminder to all SRM students to stay on top of your assessment tasks. Submitting drafts and finals on time is crucial for good results and building strong study habits. Remember that teachers are here to support you when you need guidance.

Important Dates Ahead

- Chrism Mass Tuesday 8 April 7pm at the Cathedral
- Easter Liturgy – Wednesday, 16 April Week 1.
- ANZAC Liturgy – Wednesday, 23 April Week 2.

OLHC Parish – Holy Week Celebrations

- Reconciliation Monday – 14 April, 7pm
- Holy Thursday Mass – 17 April, 7 to 10 pm
- Good Friday Events – 18 April, 9am start
- Holy Saturday Vigil Mass – 19 April, 7pm
- Easter Sunday Mass – 20 April, 8:30am & 6pm

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Join us every Tuesday Lunchtime for the Rosary and every Thursday morning from 7:45–8:05 am, for a Mass led by Fr Mick. It is a quiet moment of prayer and reflection before the school day begins. Open to all staff and students—whether you come every week or just drop in when you can, Catholic or not, you're always welcome. A beautiful way to pause, reconnect, and start the day with faith.

Kind regards,

Carlo Di Donato



TALKS WITH TINA

Welcome to Talks with Tina!

This term has flown by! We continue with our Sacramental Preparation, as mentioned in the previous newsletter each year more students take this step in their faith. If you've been thinking about taking this step, it's not too late! whether it's Baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation (or all of them) Join us every Wednesday at lunchtime in B102.

Over the last few weeks, youth leaders from across the NT were commissioned at St Mary's Cathedral. There was also a retreat with the theme "Becoming a Herald of Hope," inspiring us to embrace our call to ministry, where we can share God's love. We also had an amazing Breakaway Youth night on Friday, 28th March—a night full of fun games, food, music, and great company. If you missed it, don't worry—stay tuned for the next one!

And speaking of exciting things, 2025 is the Year of Hope - or the Jubilee Year - in the Catholic Church! It's a reminder that God's love and grace are always at work in our lives. This year, we also celebrate the Canonization of two incredible saints: Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati—two young people who lived with faith, joy, and a passion for Christ. Let their lives inspire us to live out our faith boldly!

God bless,

Tina Dib



MISS TINA DIB
YOUTH MINISTRY

@mcc_youthministry

Looking ahead to Term 2, we're already gearing up for some big moments, including the Year 7 Retreat and the Year 10 Retreat. These moments together as a College community are always so powerful, and I can't wait to see what's in store.



HARMONY WEEK



In Term 1, MacKillop hosted a range of activities for Harmony Week! Students dressed in their cultural clothing, and our Japanese class wore special donated Japanese Kimonos. It was fantastic to see all of our students embracing the beauty and diversity of our school's many cultures. We also had daily quizzes of countries around the world, exhibitions and more! Well done to everyone who joined in to contribute to the fun spirit of the week!





MACKILLOP SPORTS



We have many Interschool Sport events coming up in 2025! Mackillop uses the Try-Booking platform to collect funds and consent for all Interschool sport events, which allows us to keep the price as low as possible. These events are often quite popular and spots can fill quickly. We recommend students and families collect forms and book places as soon as possible once information is released.

COMING UP...

- 1st May** - Combined Hockey
- 8th May** - Combined Touch
- 22nd May** - Middle Years Volleyball
- 23rd May** - Senior Years Volleyball
- 13th jun.** - Senior Years AFL



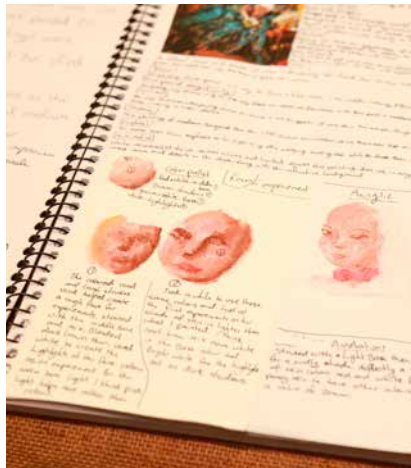
KEY DATES

- 27th May** - Athletics Carnival
- 16th Jul.** - Cross Country
- 18th Sep.** - Swimming Carnival





ART EXHIBITION



The MacKillop Catholic College 2025 Term 1 Art Exhibition

Kind regards,

Margarette Kean Ramos



ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

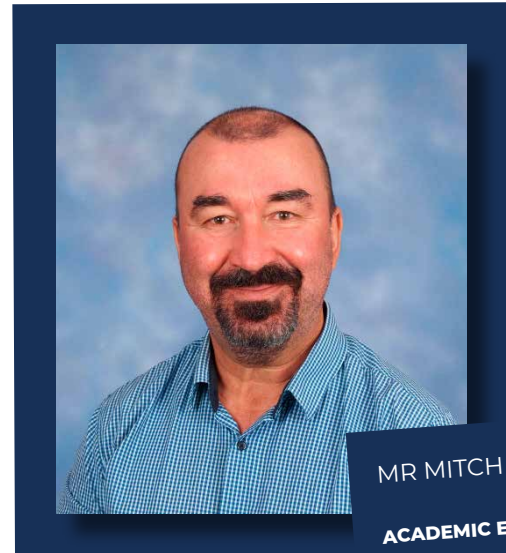
The MacKillop Catholic College Academic Enrichment Program

The Academic Enrichment Program commenced during term one. To begin, students were interviewed and discussed their present timetable and future career pathways. During term one, students completed a survey on their study routines. Our next goal was to develop

individualised learning plans for each student, and the response from was extremely positive. Students reflected that their learning plan was something that could help guide them and assist in the prioritisation of their work schedule. The feedback from parents and families has been that these resources will be a great support, especially in managing assessment tasks and high work loads in senior years subjects and electives.

Two benefits have emerged:

- First, students could feel confident, trust their capacity to manage their study routine and all learning resources. The aim here will be for students to develop a weekly/monthly plan for study during the academic year.
- Second, students could begin to develop an awareness of their personal, individual learning styles. The aim here is for students to apply learning strategies that support their strengths in the learning process.



MR MITCH MUSULIN
ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT
COORDINATOR

The Academic Enrichment Program acknowledges the extraordinary and unique career pathway that year twelve students have commenced. For any further information, please contact me via email: mitch.musulin@nt.catholic.edu.au



Kind regards,

Mitch Musulin



FROM INTAD

Productivity in Woodwork and Metalwork!

As the term draws to a close, it is so good to see the quality of work being completed in Woodwork and Metalwork. Some projects are being completed, while other more significant projects are starting to take shape. Some of the projects that are being worked on include, toolboxes, folding shovels, small cabinets and rocket stoves.



Kind regards,

Craig Gorddard

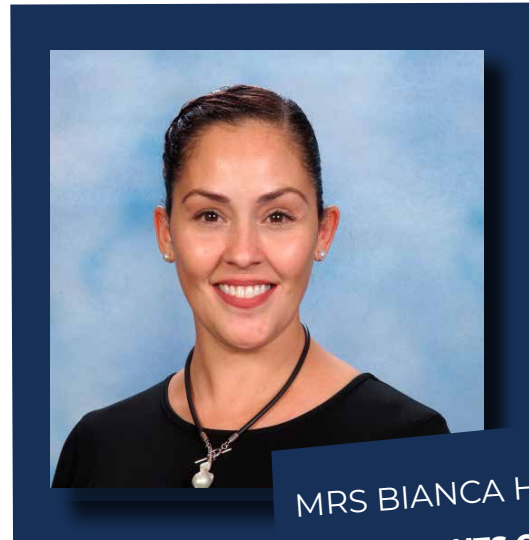


FROM ENROLMENTS

MacKillop Catholic College is now accepting enrolments for 2026. We hosted our first College tour for 2025 on the 26th of March and have upcoming tours on the **18th of June, the 13th of August and the 22nd of October**. Our immersive student tour, or 'Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day' takes place in Term 4, for those already enrolled in Year 7 for 2026. For further information, please contact mk.enrolments@nt.catholic.edu.au.

Enrol Now!

To kickstart your child's enrolment in secondary schooling, visit <https://mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/enrol/>



MRS BIANCA HURLEY
ENROLMENTS OFFICER



Kind regards,

Bianca Hurley

COMMUNITY NOTICES



April 2025 School Holiday Program

- On your marks, get set, school! 3-6 years
- Aqua Skills 3-9 years
- LEGO® Club 7-12 years
- Dungeons and Dragons 8-12 years & 13-17 years
- Fidget Masterclass 9-12 years

Autism SA is running a variety of fun, creative, therapeutic programs for kids aged 3 - 17. See below:

- On your marks, get set, school! (3-6 years)
- Aqua Skills (3-9 years)
- Lego Club (7-12 years)
- Dungeons and Dragons (8-12 years and 13-17 years)
- Fidget Masterclass (9-12 years)

Visit www.autismsa.org.au for more information.

Key Sports/Leisure Voucher Details:

- Semester 2 (2024) vouchers are available now. Semester 1 (2025) opened on 1st January 2025
- Applications close on **24th May 2025**
- Vouchers expire on **31st May 2025**
- Each eligible child gets two \$100 vouchers per year
- Open to children Transition to Year 12, including home-schooled students



Have you applied for your **\$100 SPORT VOUCHER?**



NT Youth Week

SWELL POOL PARTY

- 🕒 5pm - 9pm
- 📅 Friday 4 April, 2025
- 📍 SWELL Palmerston

3v3 Basketball
Water volleyball
Skateboarding
VR experience
Free BBQ!

RECORDING STUDIO EXPERIENCE
AND OPEN DAY PIZZA PARTY, 10AM MONDAY

- 🕒 9am - 12pm | 1pm - 5pm
- 📅 7th - 11th April, 2025
- 📍 Gulwa Recording Studio, City of Palmerston Library

Drop a track
Record a podcast
Learn how to be an audio tech

Open for ages 12-25. Bookings are essential!
Contact the Library 8935 9999 or library@palmerston.nt.gov.au

NT Youth Week begins THIS FRIDAY! Don't miss out on this opportunity to explore some of the amazing facilities Palmerston has to offer. Be sure to register! Contact library@palmerston.nt.gov.au to book or to find out more information!



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