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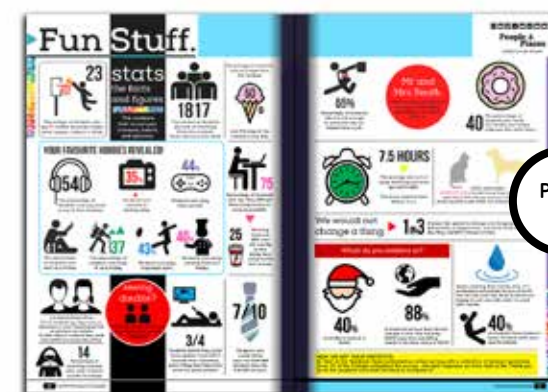
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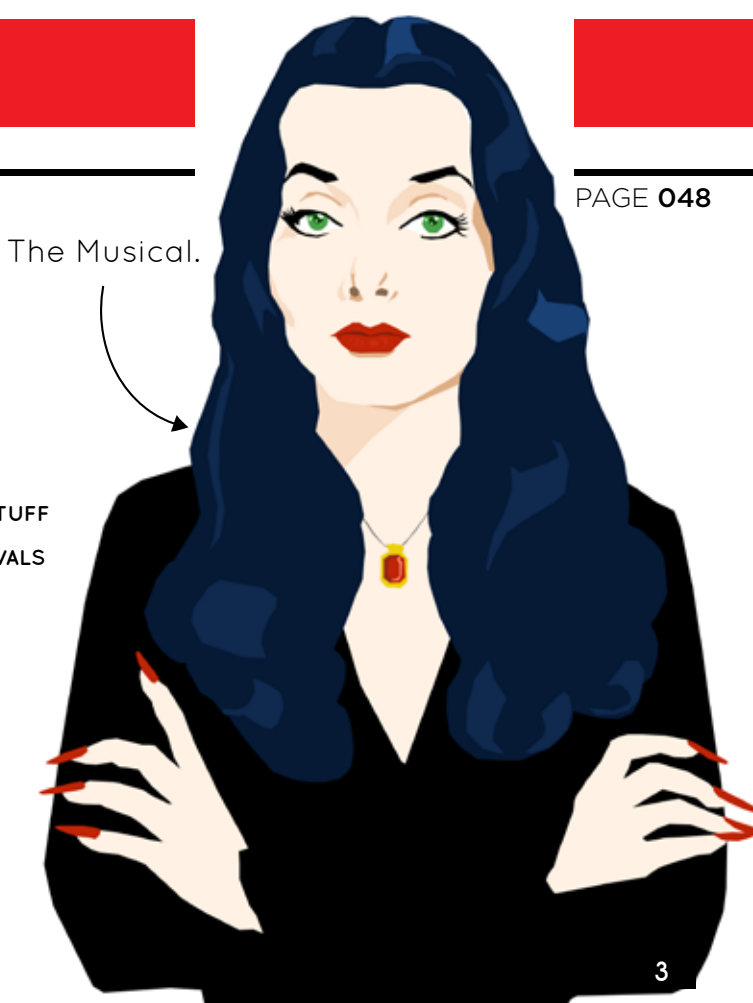


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THE 2014
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AWARDS

THE MAJOR AWARDS FOR
THE CLASS OF 2014

ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE
PRINCIPAL'S AWARD
HAYLEY NGAMETUA

The Principal's Award recognises excellence and reflects the outstanding contribution this student has made to College life. The Principal chooses the recipient of this award in consultation with staff at both campuses. The recipient of this award demonstrates dedication to their studies, to their leadership role as a Year 12 student, and to broader aspects of College life.



TENISON WOODS
STUDENTS' CHOICE AWARD
MIKAYLA DESMET

This is an Award that allows students to acknowledge one of their peers as an outstanding member of the Year 12 cohort. It is named in honour of Fr Tenison Woods, a co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph. The recipient of this award demonstrates enthusiasm, friendliness, respect for others, promotion of College values, leadership qualities, and an acceptance of others.

ST MARY MACKILLOP AWARD FOR
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
MADDISON STEVENS

This award is named in honour of St Mary MacKillop. She believed strongly in making education accessible to all people and worked tirelessly to achieve this. She was a woman of incredible compassion, insight and action. Her charisms are justice, tolerance, liberation and love, and the recipient of this award demonstrates these values through their involvement in the community.



THE ROHAN SCHULTZ 'PER ARDUA AD
ASTRA' AWARD
EMMA PAPANTONIOU

The Rohan Schultz 'per ardua ad astra' Award was renamed in 2009 at the suggestion of members of our College community. The words 'per ardua ad astra' mean to achieve through adversity. Recipients of this award are students who achieve in their studies, who immerse themselves in College life, and who overcome some sort of hardship or adversity to realise their optimum.

SR NOELEN QUINANE RSJ AWARD FOR
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
CLAUDIA HOLLAND

Sr Noelene Quinane was the foundation Principal of St Mary MacKillop College. Her vision for academic excellence is reflected in this award, which recognises the student who has achieved excellence in the breadth of academic studies throughout Years 11 and 12. The College uses scaled scores to rank the cohort, and the recipient of this award is the student who ranks first using this system.



ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE
CREATIVE ARTS AWARD
NAKIESHA RODGERS

The Creative Arts Award was introduced in 2012 to honour the talent and leadership of our Visual Arts and Performing Arts students. Nominees and recipients of this award are students who demonstrate both dedication and excellence in their creative endeavours.

ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE CALTEX
BEST ALL ROUNDER AWARD
NATHAN BIZJAK

The Caltex All Rounder Award is awarded to a student who has contributed to the College across a variety of areas and has done so with distinction. This student typically achieves at a high academic standard while being an active participant in extra-curricular activities, such as sport, College promotion, and social justice programs.



TEGAN BLUNT SOUTHERN CROSS
SPORT AWARD
HAYLEY NGAMETUA

This award is presented to a student who has represented MacKillop in a number of Sports during Year 12, participated at a representative level in his/her chosen sport, displayed outstanding leadership skills and team work, and has a positive approach to others. The recipient of this award exhibits sportsmanship and shares their love of sport with others.

THE 2014
AWARDS FOR YEARS 7-11

THE YEAR SEVEN AWARDS FOR 2014



MacKillop Medal for Witness
to the College Vision
GABRIELLE PETERSEN



Penola Award for
Academic Excellence
KENDALL OAKMAN
(joint-winner)



Penola Award for
Academic Excellence
ELLA RUMMERY
(joint-winner)



MacKillop Sportsman
of the Year
LACHLAN SQUIRE



MacKillop Sportswoman
of the Year
ABIGAIL ADERA

THE YEAR EIGHT AWARDS FOR 2014



MacKillop Medal for Witness
to the College Vision
ANWAR HAMILL



Penola Award for
Academic Excellence
AISLING KINSELLA



MacKillop Sportsman
of the Year
BRADLEY JONES



MacKillop Sportswoman
of the Year
AMBER BROPHY

THE YEAR NINE AWARDS FOR 2014



MacKillop Medal for Witness
to the College Vision
BRIANNA CAYIRLYLS



Penola Award for
Academic Excellence
ELSA HUBER



MacKillop Sportsman
of the Year
DANIEL DESMET



MacKillop Sportswoman
of the Year
SAMANTHA THOMAS

THE YEAR TEN AWARDS FOR 2014



MacKillop Medal for Witness to the College Vision

MATTHEW DREDGE



Penola Award for Academic Excellence

EMMA TURTON



MacKillop Sportsman of the Year

JACOB CROWE



MacKillop Sportswoman of the Year

KELSEY BARSLEY



St Mary MacKillop Award for Christian Leadership

CHLOE BOYD



St Mary MacKillop College All Rounder Award

CLAIRE MACKEY



Vikings Education Scholarship

JONTY HROMOW



Vikings Education Scholarship

LILY CUNNINGHAM



Academic Scholarship

CLAIRE MACKEY



Academic Scholarship

MATTHEW DREDGE



Academic Scholarship

MELANIE STICHNAU



Community Scholarship

CHLOE BOYD

THE YEAR ELEVEN AWARDS FOR 2014



MacKillop Medal for Witness to the College Vision

BAILEY DARK



Penola Award for Academic Excellence

AMY-LEAH TEPES



St Mary MacKillop Award for Christian Leadership

EMMA CLARKE



MacKillop Sportsman of the Year

JAMIE TAYLOR



MacKillop Sportswoman of the Year

SAVANNAH KRIS

ADDITIONAL AWARDS



Paul Butz 'Omnia Optime' Award

BETHANY-ANN BARCLAY



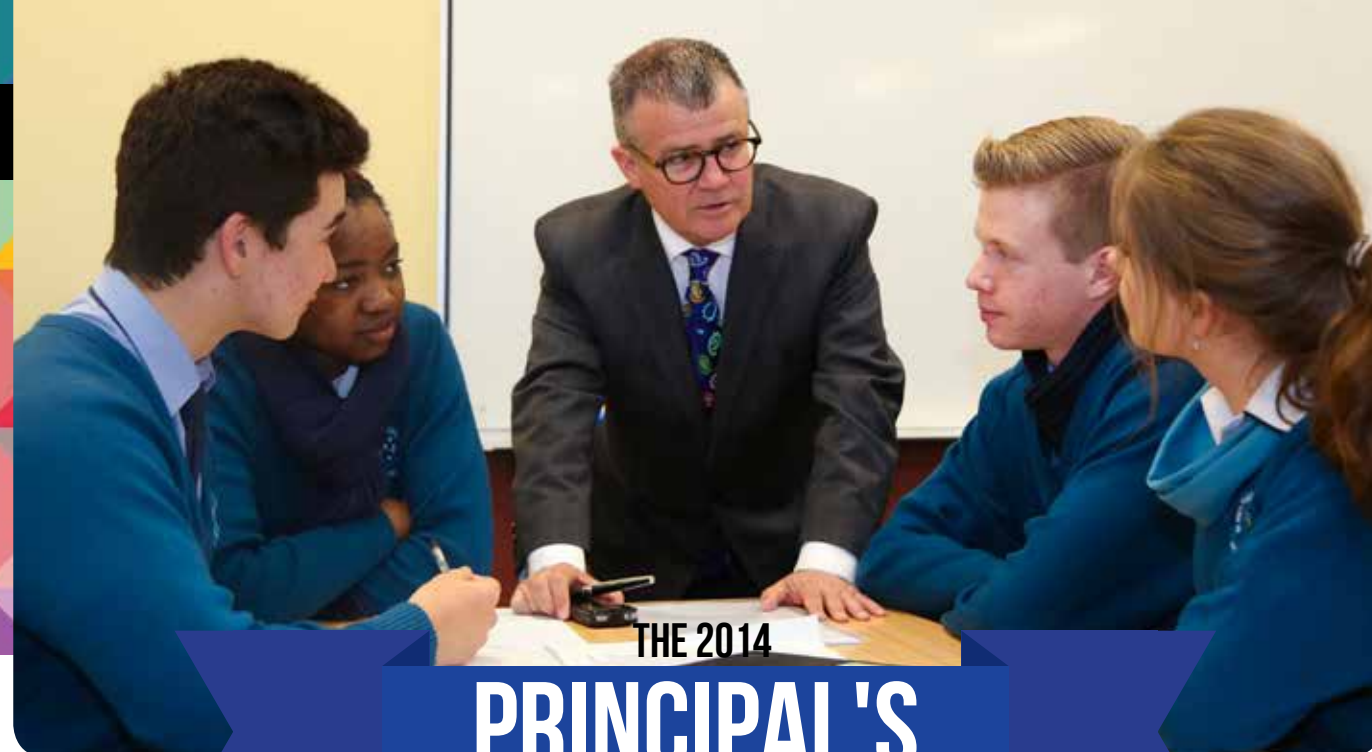
The Catholic Education Office ACU Teaching Scholarship

KIRSTEN O'NEILL



The High School Legend Award

NATHAN NEMEC



THE 2014 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MR MICHAEL LEE

2014 has been a year of progress for the College, achievement for the teachers and students, and one of considerable affirmation for the St Mary MacKillop College community.

The Class of 2014 was farewelled with deep emotion and thanksgiving at their Final Assembly, Graduation Mass, and Graduation Formal. They have been a year group that has reflected a good deal of what we love about our leaders at MacKillop. A good-humoured bunch, they developed relationships with their teachers and with each other that were respectful, appropriate, and life giving. Frequently seen at the junior campus adopting classes, helping with Homework Club, and mentoring students, they reflected the values of collective responsibility, service, hard work, and a desire to make a difference.

The faith life of the College continued to reflect the

growing maturity and confidence of MacKillop. Our liturgies, Masses, community prayer, and the outward symbols of our Catholic Faith and traditions were strengthened in dignity, engagement, and recognition that these are the things that bind us as a faithful community and that lead us to encounters with Jesus.

Although the College saw an increase in the number of Catholic families choosing MacKillop, the Josephite emphasis on inclusion and diversity saw the College find new ways to respect the faith life of others in our school, and to respectfully integrate their beliefs and observances into our community. This remains an enthusiastic endeavour of the College.

The students continued to build upon their achievements in the classroom, in sport, and in the arts. Improving NAPLAN results are, of course, a point of reference with MacKillop students achieving beyond

expected growth and outperforming “like schools” around the country. Individual student achievement highlighted the successful partnerships the College enjoyed with our universities, local sports clubs, the cultural institutions around Canberra and with parishes, local schools, and our neighbours.

The staff continued to build upon their talents, capabilities, and skills. Eighteen coordinators had successful reviews of their performance, including the Assistant Principal Curriculum, Mrs Michelle da Roza, and the two Campus Heads, Ms Sandra Darley and Mr Paul O’Callaghan. Eight new early career teachers benefited from our Early Career Mentoring Program and several Faculty Heads implemented new programs in literacy, numeracy, and sustainability, whilst the implementation of the Australian Curriculum was consolidated.

Excitingly, several staff completed higher degrees and Mrs Prathiba Nagabhushan will be entitled to be called ‘Doctor,’ having completed her PhD in Psychology from ANU this year.

The College received over 480 applications from families wanting to enroll their child into Year 7 at MacKillop for 2015. So great was the demand that the College sought, and was granted, an extra class for 2015. This is a considerable vindication of the regard this part of Canberra and part of NSW hold the College. It was such a shame to have to develop such a long waiting list and disappoint so many people.

2015 will be a year of building and refurbishment, considerable strategic planning for beyond, and programs to integrate our new students (over 400 of them) and staff into College life.

The high regard the College enjoys in our community is in no small way a result of the confident trust and engagement between our families and MacKillop. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to everybody connected with MacKillop for your support, loyalty, and advocacy on behalf of the College.

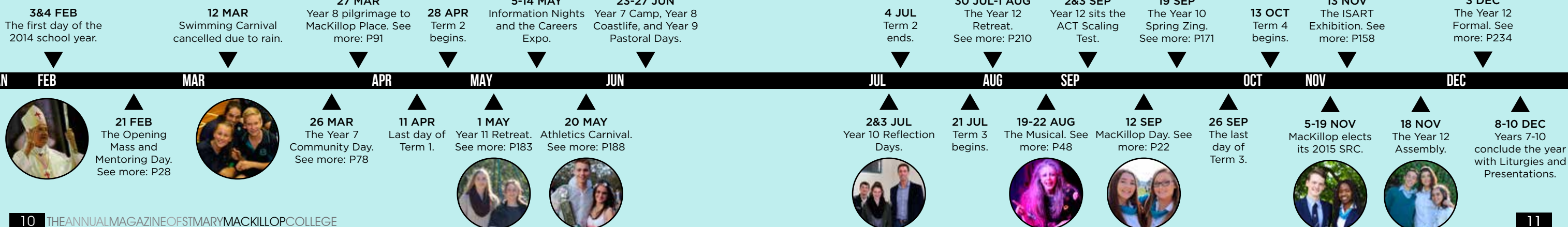
Mr Michael Lee
College Principal



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A TIMELINE OF 2014



THE CAPTAINS



FIRST MATE
REECE INKPEN

SKIPPER
CLAUDIA HOLLAND



THE CAPTAINS' REPORT

✠ CLAUDIA HOLLAND + REECE INKPEN ✠



AHOY THERE!

We've come across some rough waters over the last few years, but our journey has certainly been an amazing experience. We would firstly like to thank all of the crew on board the SMMC for their rigorous hard work and team effort, which has enabled us to arrive safely at port. Unfortunately, we regret to inform you that our six-year journey has come to a close. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve as your ship captains for this amazing voyage, but it is a-BOAT time that we drop the anchor and sail our own vessels in the directions we want for the future.

As your sea captains, we would like to thank the best ever Year 12 deck crew for leading the school magnificently, mentoring on the junior campus and presenting themselves as brilliant role models for the younger crews. We've been incredibly lucky to have some of the most amazing teachers on our side, coaching and inspiring us to become better leaders and people. The last six years have come with their own set of challenges: we have learnt to overcome *pier* pressure, in some cases we've had to swim against the tide, but most importantly, we've learnt to *seas* the day and pursue whatever it is that floats our boat.

2014 has been a fantastic year for the SMMC and a wonderful way for us to leave this ship. We set sail to a beautiful Opening Mass and then took off for the Swimming Carnival. However, due to rough storms, we couldn't make it to the Swimming Carnival and we were unfortunately lost at sea. Luckily, though, we were able to set sail and make it to the Athletics Carnival, where the

Ngadyung fleet won the Spirit Cup, and the Gurabang fleet won the Championship Cup (MINDYGARI WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU HAVEN'T WON SINCE 1998!). The Year 12 crew did a wonderful job participating in Relay for Life this year, raising over \$5000 for the Cancer Council. We also voyaged to Collaroy this year where we had our relaxing Year 12 Retreat which brought our crew even closer together!

We do hope the onboard entertainment has been to your satisfaction. This year's Musical, *The Addams Family*, was a huge success at a professional standard - the best production team MacKillop has had on board yet! Congratulations to all the crew who were involved in the musical and contributed to making it such an extraordinary production. Crew all throughout the ship were involved in Variety Night, which was also a major success that saw the SMMC's rare and unique range of talent.

Your Captains had the amazing pleasure of meeting the royals, William and Kate, with whom we took our share of 'sailfies'! The last whole-school event for this year was, of course, MacKillop Day. For the first time we took on board Bumper Balls - which was an absolute *ball* that definitely *bumped* up our profits for the day. HA!

What is the first rule of Chess Club?! YOU DON'T TALK ABOUT CHESS CLUB! *Whale*, let me tell you, unfortunately there was mutiny evident on board and a ferocious battle came out between the fierce Will Egan and the intimidating Matthew Borbas, who made Will cry from scurvy while he was titled with the Chess Club Champion for 2014 (Yeah *Buoy*!)

2014 was the first year we've had Year 11 Cooma students travelling on board with us from St Patrick's Parish School. They've brought with them their own unique experiences, talents and ideas to this ship. While so many wonderful things happened this year, the highlight for us was simply coming on deck each day and spending our last year with the best people to ever grace the seven seas. It has been an amazing privilege to represent some of the most intelligent and talented people we've known.

Our time on the SMMC has definitely exceeded both of our highest expectations. We've experienced rough and calm water and made memories that will stay with us forever. But most importantly we've learnt that being a leader means enduring failure and *hardship* because it is fully worth it for the final successes. As we've been reminded numerous times by our lack of friends, being a leader has nothing to do with popularity, it's more about bringing out the best qualities in others so we can all work as a team to achieve our best.

From the bottom of our hearts we would like to say a huge thank you and congratulations for this year. To all the students, teachers, parents, SRC members, and faculty members: thank you so much for everything you've done and your amazing support. Without you, our voyage since Year 7 would not have been possible. We all hope you have enjoyed sailing on the SMMC as much as we have, and we will now forever be on the most important ship in our lives - the *Friendship*.

Thank you SMMC. Your sea captains, Claudia Holland and Reece Inkpen.



WANNIASSA CAPTAINS



**ANOOJ
LAD &
SYDNEY
OAKMAN**

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B EING the captains of the Wanniassa Campus has been a very challenging – yet rewarding – experience. It's been an absolute privilege to represent our peers in positions of leadership this year.

When we first applied, we knew the chances of obtaining a position of leadership were slim, as many people applied for the same role.

Before we delivered our speeches we were 'hella' nervous – butterflies and sweaty palms (we had it bad). It was then that we realised that staring down at the faces of our peers was not as easy as the previous captains had made it out to be. Once elected, we were beside ourselves. We were literally speechless, and we couldn't even thank those who voted for us.

Early 2014 was a very busy time for us as newly-christened Campus Captains, and it still hadn't properly set in yet. We weren't 100% sure of what we had in store for our time in these roles.

We were lucky enough to be able to attend a number of leadership conferences, which helped us to develop essential skills that were required for our position.

Over the year, we have had the opportunity to influence the themes of the sporting carnivals, to read

at events such as masses and assemblies, to show guests and potential students around the school and to help raise much needed funds for our house charities.

We spent time bonding with the senior SRC so that we could work as a bigger team. We discussed how we could make MacKillop better as a whole school.

It was challenging to juggle both SRC responsibilities and schoolwork at the same time – but we did it.

It has been an amazing year, and being elected as the 2014 captains has really topped off our time here at the junior campus.

We hope we've made a difference to the school and that the student body enjoyed the year as much as we did. We wish the best of luck to Abby and Tom, the 2015 captains, and we hope they enjoy their time leading the campus.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who has helped us fulfill our roles, especially Mrs Durham and Mr McNicol.

We are reluctant to say goodbye but we are excited about what the future holds for us. We wish everyone an amazing 2015!

Sydney Oakman and Anooj Lad



THE ISABELLA SRC

Year 10: Chloe Boyd, Michael Caruana, Leanne Golding, Hugh Magri-Bull.

Year 11: Thomas Bermingham, Emma Clarke, Raili Koskinen, Adrian Thomas.

Year 12: Jade Boyle, Ben Castle, Monique George, Claudia Holland, Reece Inkpen, Tegan Lorkovic, Hayley Ngametua, Emma Papantoniou, Sam Quirke, Josh Rose, Carly Symons, Sarah Thompson, Daniel White, Brendan Yeo.

Year 7: Chris Caruana, Tamara Darwich, Erynn Hamley, Maddyson Watson.

Year 8: Amber Brophy, Aisling Kinsella, Adelaide Quayle, Dominic Strmota.

Year 9: Merinda Beattie, Brianna Cayiryls, Corban Connell, Phoenix Crowther, Samuel Hiscock, Anooj Lad, Nicholas Morrissey, Sydney Oakman, Lachlan Seidel.

THE WANNIASSA SRC



PORTFOLIOS/ FAITH&COMMUNITY

Faith & Community Captain Emma Papantoniou on the record Caritas effort, MacKillop Day, and balancing her role with her studies.

SMMC: Emma, the role of Faith and Community Captain is one of the busiest at the school. What kinds of things did you have to do this year?

EP: This year has been absolutely crazy, not only for myself but for the entire MacKillop community. In Term 1, I had to organise the Year 12 team to compete in the Relay for Life and organise Caritas fundraising for the whole school. I was also involved in other events along with the other senior leaders, such as visiting schools and discussing ways to improve Catholic teaching throughout the ACT, meeting important people, such as Archbishop Christopher Prowse, and participating in various school events, such as our MacKillop Day Mass.

SMMC: What were the highlights for the College in Faith and Community in 2014?

EP: I feel the highlights for the year include the amount of money we raised for Caritas, our charity weeks, Relay for Life, the Cross Campus program, Vinnies Night Patrol, and the list goes on! It was fantastic to see the Year 12 involvement in many of our charity initiatives, and of course the rest of the student body. The main highlight for me was seeing how generous our students are. That was an absolute plus to witness.

SMMC: MacKillop Day is widely regarded as one of the highlights of the year. What do you think makes this day so special?

EP: Aside from Mass in the morning, I believe it is the students that make MacKillop Day so special. The fact that we, as a whole school, come together for one day of the entire school year and catch up with old and new friends, see teachers we haven't seen for ages, and can be part of something so fantastic, is what makes it an absolutely awesome day.

SMMC: Fundraising is massive at MacKillop and the Faith and Community Captain has a large part to play in that. Tell us a bit about the fundraising initiatives the College had this year.

EP: The two main things I had to organise at the start of the year were Relay for Life and Caritas fundraising. Our Year 12 team managed to raise \$5000 for Cancer research through the Relay for Life and, as a whole school, we managed to raise a record-breaking \$13,470 for Caritas (well done, MacKillop!). There were also various activities held by our House Captains at each campus for each of our four Houses, such as pizza days, dress-up days, comedy shows and sausage sizzles. As whole school, we raised over \$18,000 for our four charities combined. Other fundraising initiatives the school participated in included the St Vincent De Paul Winter and Christmas appeal, 40-hour Famine and many more.



"IT'S THE STUDENTS WHO MAKE MACKILLOP DAY SPECIAL."

EMMA PAPANTONIOU

SMMC: How important is faith/ community to you in your life?

EP: Faith is always important because it gets you through everything you do in life. Without faith, nothing pushes you to be the best you can be. Community is also important because your community, which can just be your friends, family or both also pushes you to be the very best you can be. You always need someone there to push you when your faith is low.

SMMC: When you look back on your goals for the year, do you think you managed to achieve them?

EP: I believe I did what I could in the time I had this year. I had not set any specific goals for myself this year, other than trying to raise more money for Caritas than we did last year, which we all achieved, and getting good grades, which I have also achieved. I am very happy with how I have finished my last year of school.

SMMC: What sorts of things did you learn as a member of the senior leadership team? What was the experience like?

EP: The experience of being a senior leader was both overwhelming and awesome. It's a really good feeling to know you are organising something for the whole school to participate in, but at the same time overwhelming because you want to make it perfect

for everyone. I think the main thing I learnt about being a member of the leadership team was actually working as a team and understanding that not everyone is going to agree on everything. There are definitely some challenging times being a leader that I did not understand until I became one.

SMMC: What advice would you give next year's Faith and Community Captain (Emma Clarke) and other younger students who might consider going for the role in the future?

EP: My advice would be to make sure you make time for yourself! Being a leader is really stressful, no matter what your position is. Make sure that you get the help that you need from your teachers and friends if the going gets tough. Otherwise, it is an absolutely fantastic role and I wish Emma and all future representatives the very best.

SMMC: Since this is your last year at the College, is there any kind of message you'd like to pass on to the MacKillop community?

EP: I am the Batman... But in all seriousness, the main message I want to pass on to the MacKillop community, both present and in the future, would be to keep striving to the best of your ability. I wish you all the very best. Thank you for being awesome, MacKillop, and thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you all.

PORTFOLIOS/ PERFORMING ARTS



JADE BOYLE

The Yearbook Team caught up with Jade Boyle, the Performing Arts Captain, to talk about the Musical, Variety Night, and how to get involved in Performing Arts at MacKillop.

"I HEARD LOTS OF AMAZING THINGS ABOUT THE MUSICAL AND VARIETY NIGHT. I'M HAPPY PEOPLE ENJOYED THESE AS MUCH AS I DID."

SMMC: Jade, it was a busy year for you! What kinds of things did you have to do in your role as Performing Arts Captain?

JB: This year I co-directed the school musical *The Addams Family* with Mr. Lazzarato, while working with our student choreographer Josie Prior. I would like to thank many people for the overall success of the show, so to anyone involved in the musical who may be reading this, thank you so very much! So much was involved with the front and back of stage, props, sets, costumes, makeup, singing, dancing and acting, lights and sound. This was especially so this year since we took on the Broadway version of the show.

I also organised Variety Night, which I think was also a really big success. I want to give another big thank you to everyone involved, for making it such a good night out. A big thank you to our sound manager, D'arcy Chrysostomou, our backstage manager, Jacob Creech, and our graduating Year 12s, Nikita Deacon and Brad May, for their hard work in both these performances as part of the tech crew.

Other than these two major events, I also made trips to other schools and events to represent the school. I'm also a part of the school's A Capella group and sing at events and functions in and outside of school. As such, I'd like to thank Mrs Maloney for her time, looking after us in the Performing Arts PC (PCoPA), teaching us songs and organising events and functions for us to perform at.

SMMC: What were the Performing Arts highlights for the College in 2014?

JB: I've heard lots of amazing things said about the Musical and Variety Night, so I'm really happy that people enjoyed these performances as much as I did. *The Addams Family* was a really big highlight for me personally, as a lot of

amazing people put a lot of hard work into the show. Variety Night was a good night to relax a little bit and enjoy the wide range of performances we had. A big thanks to Jayden Dickman and Connor Tracey-Patte for being our MCs for the show with their unique brand of humour. It made me so happy to see you guys so excited for the show!

The singing and dancing students of MacKillop have been doing really well this year, performing not only at school functions, but at outside events such as Dance Fest and ACT Children's Week. We've also had the largest number of drama students ever this year, which is really exciting and is a highlight in itself.

SMMC: The Musical has gone from strength to strength in recent years at MacKillop. Why do you think this is?

JB: Since I've been here at MacKillop we've had *Into the Woods* (which is now being turned into a feature length film), *Guys and Dolls*, *Disco Inferno*, *Seussical Jr.*, and *Mulan Jr.* Each has been wonderful and I think it's all stemmed from the amazing cast and crew. A large amount of work and fun is put into these shows. I think the musical is able to go from strength to strength each year because, as soon as we finish one musical, we're already excited to move on to the next one. We're already wondering and speculating what next year's show will be and I guess it's because of this enthusiasm that the College's musicals are what they are.

SMMC: There are lots of other opportunities for students to get involved in performing arts. Tell us a bit about them.

JB: Within school and outside of school there are many ways to get involved in the performing arts! Canberra constantly holds auditions for musicals, plays, film, television, and commercials.

Competitions such as Dance Fest, eisteddfods and concerts are also great ways to get involved.

MacKillop itself holds many classes involving the performing arts: drama, music, dance, band, production for live theatre, and even media classes that allow students to create and direct their own films.

SMMC: How important are the performing arts to you in your life?

JB: I feel like I'm more confident and open than I was before I involved myself in the performing arts. I've met a lot of people I never would have normally met. Performance is just a really fun way of self expression that other people can also enjoy and can even get involved in. For anyone reading this, I strongly urge you to give it a go. It's a lot of fun and you make a lot of friends along the way.

SMMC: When you look back on your goals for the year, do you think you managed to achieve them?

JB: I like to think I have! I wanted to get people who had never been involved in performing arts to give it a try and some people did. I wanted these things to be fun experiences for both those who watched and those who were involved and I think that was met as well. My goals were very people-oriented; I wanted people to enjoy the arts as much as I do and, hopefully, I achieved that.

SMMC: Since this is your last year at the College, is there any kind of message you'd like to pass on to the MacKillop community?

JB: Thank you to everyone that made my time here memorable. Thank you everyone who supported or got involved with performing arts. I wish everyone the best of luck in 2015 and onwards!

SMMC: Hayley, you were kept very busy with a lot of sport in 2014. What kinds of things did you have to do as College Sports Captain?

HN: As the College Sports Captain my main goal was to promote participation and sport to my peers. On top of that I created music playlists and had the opportunity of starting up great new sport programs and organising PE and Health Week.

SMMC: What were the highlights for MacKillop sport in 2014?

HN: This year it was great to see both Isabella and Wanniasa campuses get into PE and Health Week!

We also had our usual success in school sport with a number of teams becoming ACT Champions, and there were so many students who also achieved goals, set personal bests, and got chosen for representative squads.

SMMC: The College Swimming Carnival was cancelled due to bad weather this year. How much of a disappointment was this for you and your peers?

HN: I know everyone was very disappointed, but seeing some of the costumes my peers were going to wear, I think it was for the best! However, I do feel for Mr Kelly as he worked tirelessly in the organisation for what was probably going to be a fantastic day!

SMMC: You created the Cross-Campus Sports Program in 2014. Can you tell us a little about the program?

HN: I wanted to create a program for the younger students who might only just be getting into sport, might be the 'late bloomer' type, or for those who perhaps didn't make the selections in schools team. This gave them the opportunity to have some fun and to be able to play different sports in a less competitive environment.

The program consisted of Year 12 students attending the Wanniasa Campus on a Thursday afternoon to run and teach different sports. The program focused on a different sport each semester and was open to any student, whether they have played the sport before or not.

It was heart-warming to see friendships evolve through the weeks and the increase of confidence in the younger students by having those Year 12 mentors. Special thanks to Mr McNicol, Mr Chris Webster, Jaydon Bates, and Brendan Yeo.

SMMC: How important is sport to you in your life?

HN: Sport has always been a huge part of my own life; I use it as a stress reliever, to stay healthy, to have fun and to help



HAYLEY NGAMETUA

Hayley Ngametua, the College Sports Captain, discusses the new After-School Sport Program, the cancelled Swimming Carnival, and what sport means to her in her life.

"SPORT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A HUGE PART OF MY OWN LIFE; I USE IT AS A STRESS RELIEVER, TO STAY HEALTHY, TO HAVE FUN AND TO HELP MYSELF FOCUS."

myself focus when I finally sit down to do my assignments. I plan to continue my sporting endeavours as far as I can go, but will always keep sport as one of my favourite hobbies.

SMMC: When you look back on your goals for the year, do you think you managed to achieve them?

HN: My main goal for this year was to promote sport and a healthy lifestyle and I'm glad to say I think I have achieved that!

SMMC: What sorts of things did you learn as a member of the senior leadership team? What was the experience like?

HN: I learnt that we have a great school community that is always up to make a difference and to improve the experience of school for the students at MacKillop. The leadership team this year was an inspiring group of people that I was privileged enough to become friends with - everyone worked very

hard to make sure this was a great year, which it was!

SMMC: What advice would you give next year's Sports Captain (Jamie Taylor) and other younger students who might consider going for the role in the future?

HN: To be the Sports Captain you don't have to be the fastest or the most talented student at sport in your grade, it's just about sharing that interest you have in sport with the rest of your peers and being a role model for your school.

SMMC: Since this is your last year at the College, is there any kind of message you'd like to pass on to the MacKillop community?

HN: I can only hope that the MacKillop Culture stays intact for many more years to come and that the leadership group keeps promoting participation and enthusiasm in the college! I will miss MacKillop so much and just want to thank everyone for all the memories!

BEN CASTLE

Benjamin Castle took on the role of Sustainability Captain in its second year as a position on the senior leadership team. Here, Ben chats about the challenges of a young role, teamwork on the SRC, and the College's sustainability projects in 2014.



PORTFOLIOS/SUSTAINABILITY

SMMC: Ben, what kinds of things did you have to do this year in your role as Sustainability Captain?

BC: My first project was to finish off the program with the new bins, which included having to inform the campus of the exact items that go in each bin. The SRC made a fun informational video, which was supported by Mr Smith's video on rubbish.

I also started up a new project to switch the fluorescent light bulbs with LEDs. This involved setting up a power monitor in one of the classrooms and giving the Year 11 Physics students a research assignment.

SMMC: What were the highlights for the College in terms of Sustainability in 2014?

BC: Well, a personal highlight was working with Mr Lehmsich and helping the school reduce the total amount of waste and power usage. The fact that we are constantly looking to improve what we do was a big highlight for me.

SMMC: The Sustainability role is only two years old at MacKillop. Were you excited by the freedom to make the role your own or did you find it a challenge that the role is still in the development phase?

BC: I believe the role of Sustainability Captain is still in a development stage. The school has only just started to aim towards being more sustainable and there are a lot of big projects for the school to work on over a longer period of time than just a year. Within

a few more years it will grow to be an important position at MacKillop.

SMMC: Tell us about some of the Sustainability projects MacKillop is looking at for the future.

BC: The College is still working at replacing all the fluorescent light bulbs with LEDs to use less energy, and reduce the total cost of lighting. Any other projects are up to Kate Mueck, the captain for 2015.

SMMC: How important is sustainability and the environment to you in your life?

BC: I do believe the environment is important, so it was great to be involved with helping the school become more environmentally friendly.

SMMC: When you look back on your goals for the year, do you think you managed to achieve them?

BC: I did not manage to achieve all the goals I had for sustainability, mainly because I was set a different task to finish off before I could start with any ideas I had.

SMMC: What sorts of things did you learn as a member of the senior leadership team? What was the experience like?

BC: Being a leader on the senior leadership team was amazing. Whenever one of us needed help, the others would step in to lend a hand. Everyone was friendly and supportive.

SMMC: What advice would you give next year's Sustainability Captain (Kate Mueck) and other younger students who might consider going for the role in the future?

BC: In terms of the workload, each task takes longer than you might think. My tip is to aim for one goal, and only after achieving it should you focus on the next one.

SMMC: Since this is your last year at the College, is there any kind of message you'd like to pass on to the MacKillop community?

BC: Keep using the bins, try not to litter, and do your best to live up to the MacKillop name.

"THE FACT THAT WE ARE CONSTANTLY LOOKING TO IMPROVE WHAT WE DO WAS A BIG HIGHLIGHT FOR ME."

FAITH & COMMUNITY



A COMMUNITY THAT WOULD MAKE MARY MACKILLOP PROUD

THERE'S NO DENYING IT: **community** is one of MacKillop's greatest strengths. And at the heart of our community is our patron, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Mary MacKillop's mission to help and educate all people, no matter what their background, was the catalyst for the College's aim to be a Catholic school for all, not just a school for Catholics. Her focus on social justice has called us to reach out to those in need – and students and staff have done this in abundance in 2014.

On the whole, MacKillop students are welcoming, down-to-earth, generous young women and men who want to contribute to our community and who want to make a difference in the world.

Nobody's perfect, but while we strive to live under the example of our patron, we'd like to think that St Mary of the Cross would be looking down on our College community with a little bit of pride.



OUR VISION

St Mary MacKillop College is a dynamic welcoming community based on gospel values.

It is a learning environment where excellence in education is valued.

Members of the community are nurtured and empowered to face the future with faith and courage.

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MACKILLOP DAY



FAITH & COMMUNITY

MACKILLOP DAY

12 SEPTEMBER 2014
The College's celebration of the
Feast of St Mary MacKillop

COOKIES
TOKENS



THE CROSS-CAMPUS PROGRAM

Over the course of Semester 1, a number of Year 12 students regularly visited the junior campus as part of the Cross-Campus Program. From PE to Dance, Food to Textiles, or Science to iHum, Cross-Campus was a time for junior and senior students to interact together in a classroom environment. As a Year 12 student, it was interesting to reflect back on how skills are gradually developed, and helping younger students was definitely worthwhile. The junior students were always friendly and many were interested in what the senior campus is like. They were surprised to find that seniors have 'study periods' that allowed time for the cross-campus interaction. Overall, cross-campus was a rewarding experience and it was fun to spend time with students from the other campus. Thank you to Mr McNicol for organising and running the program.

An Nguyen, Year 12

YEAR 12 MENTORING DAY

The Year 12 Mentoring Day was held at the Wanniasa Campus after the College Opening Mass on 21 February. Year 12 students had the opportunity to explore the new facilities, enjoy a yummy morning tea, interact with the Year 7 - 9 students, talk to their former teachers and listen to some motivational speeches, one of which was given by new staff member Mr Tim Markcrow. The Year 12 students enjoyed their time back at Wanniasa and found the experience of sharing their knowledge with the junior students very rewarding, which led to a number of students joining the Cross-Campus Program to visit on a more regular basis.

Maddison Stevens, Year 12



CROSS+CAMPUS



AFTER SCHOOL SPORT @ WANNIASSA

This year, students at the junior campus were given the opportunity to participate in an afternoon of sport each week for the first three terms. In Term 1, we did OzTag, Term 2 was Soccer, and in Term 3 we did Basketball and Netball. This was all organised by our College Sports Captain, Hayley Ngametua. There were also other Year 12s who helped out and ran the activities. I attended most of the afternoons this year. The afternoon sport was a good way to make some new friends and get fit. It also helped to earn some hours for your Silver or Gold Status. The Wanniasa Campus thanks Hayley and the Year 12s who helped give us a chance to be involved in sport after school and an opportunity make some new friends and have fun.

Aidan Butler

INSPIRE ART COMPETITION

INSPIRE is a cross-campus visual arts competition that is now an annual event at MacKillop. It is run so that the entries can be displayed on MacKillop Day – the biggest cross-campus event at the College. Prizes are awarded to Year 7/8, Year 9/10, and Year 11/12 in the form of Eckersley's gift vouchers. The overall winner receives a year's membership at the National Gallery of Australia.

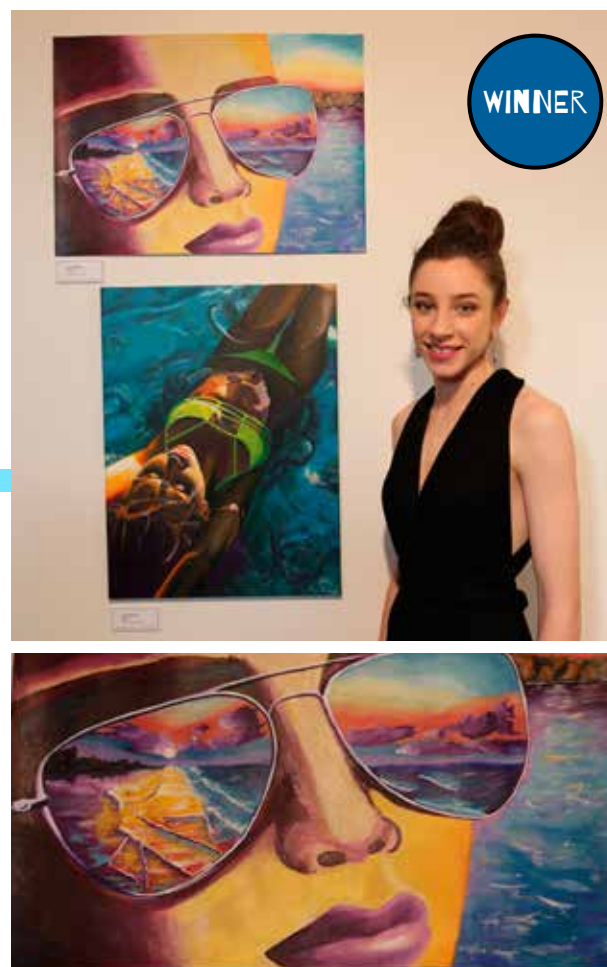
This year, a selection of the best entries was exhibited at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre.

The winners of the 2014 INSPIRE Art Competition were:

Overall winner: Claire Mackey, Year 10
 First Place Year 7/8: Jordyn Maher, Year 8
 First Place Year 9/10: Ben Jenkins, Year 10
 First Place Year 11/12: Breanna Sturgess, Year 12
 Second Place Year 7/8: Grace Spratt, Year 7
 Second Place Year 9/10: Kira Guilfoyle, Year 9
 Second Place Year 11/12: Jozeph Nassar, Year 11

Congratulations to all who participated!

Tamara Murdoch



INSPIRE
ART COMP
EXHIBITION



THE WIDER COMMUNITY



MacKillop answers the call

Every year St Mary MacKillop College receives numerous emails and requests for our students to provide assistance, deliver educational programs and general support for the wider community. The student body has now built a wonderful reputation for its friendly demeanour, its work ethic and positive interaction in the programs.

The following appeared in a local primary school newsletter supporting the above statement:

"I was overwhelmed by the amount of help that we had which made the day run smoothly. I would lastly like to thank the amazing St Mary MacKillop College students who came out to help. They were some of the first helpers to arrive and the last to leave. They didn't stop all day and did it all with a smile."

Every year, students from the graduating class are thanked for their support in the Community Programs. It would be remiss of me to not publicly thank three students who have, since Year 10, devoted time and energy into supporting the spiritual dimensions of local primary students. Every year Nathan Bizjak, Lauren Jameson, and Jane Galvin (Sacramental Squad Foundation Members) have led sacramental activities across four different parishes. They have shared their faith stories, assisted with sacramental displays and led sessions that demonstrate a love for faith. They have been unwavering in rising to the challenge of allowing others to experience the true values that exist in this college. You have seen a need and dutifully answered the call. Well done, and thank you.

*Paul Durham
Community Project Officer*



Sacramental Squad

In 2012, Mr Durham took a few Year 10 students to a Primary School Sacramental Retreat Day to help the younger students prepare for their upcoming sacrament. Jane Galvin, Nathan Bizjak, and I continued to go to retreat days for numerous primary schools across the ACT for Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. We continued to attend these Retreat Days for the next two years until the beginning of this year when we handed the responsibility over to other MacKillop students. We have helped the primary school students to understand a lot more about their faith and why it's important before they commit to their sacraments in the Church. It was a fun and rewarding experience.

Lauren Jameson



THE WIDER COMMUNITY: WHAT WE DO

Sporting assistance: **Assisting at sports carnivals, coaching sporting teams, walkathon assistance, providing use of equipment and facilities, guest presenters, and sports clinics.**
 Educational programs: **Leadership programs, specialist Science classes, reading programs, Gifted and Talented Days, dance programs, matinee Drama performances, debating tutorials, providing the use of Science equipment, the Science Travelling Show, Sacramental Retreats, and Pastoral Program assistance.**
 Administrative assistance: **Parent information nights, enrolment visits, designing promotional material, musical assistance, Grandparents' Day assistance, and use of our Theatre.**

"They didn't stop all day and did it all with a smile."

Feedback from a primary teacher

- THE OPENING MASS
- EASTER LITURGIES
- ANZAC CEREMONIES
- MACKILLOP DAY MASS
- YEAR 12 GRAD MASS
- YEAR 10 PRESENTATION
- CAMPUS MASSES
- THE CLOSING MASS



Liturgy.

MACKILLOP LITURGY 2014

LITURGY at St Mary MacKillop College seemed to be bigger than ever in 2014.

The College added the portfolio of Faith Leadership to the Assistant Principal Pastoral Care position at the Isabella Campus, which Mr Jonathan Moyle took on after Mrs Lois White stepped down to focus on teaching, prior to her retirement. Mr Moyle had the assistance of Mr Benjamin Bowman for the duration of the year, and together they planned the Opening and MacKillop Day Masses, fortnightly campus masses, and other reflections and liturgies throughout the year. The College congratulates them for the work they did in 2014 to make our liturgical celebrations so sacred and meaningful.

Of course, there were many staff and students who helped along the way, by organising and playing the music, planning, reading prayers, setting up AV and chairs, and contributing 'behind the scenes'. Thank you to all who were involved.

Special thanks to the clergy who supported the College in 2014, especially the College Chaplain, Fr Peter Day, and our own Rev. Vince Barclay. It was a highlight for the College to be able to have the new Archbishop, Christopher Prowse, lead us for the Opening Mass and Fr Luke from Corpus Christi take our Feast Day Mass. Fr Lachlan Coll and Fr Peter My also made valuable contributions throughout the year.

At the start of the school year, each teacher was given a gift: a book of prayers as well as a bookmark that contained the 2014 Liturgical Theme, "By my works I will show you my Faith."

Mr Moyle and Mr Bowman, with the help of the maintenance staff, created a new prayer focus in each classroom. These beautiful, dignified, and simple focuses included a framed image and a crucifix and have replaced the prayer tables in each classroom in the College.

Liturgy played a major role in the life of the College this year, and as always, the students are to be commended on the way they got involved, prayed reverently, and gave our liturgies real dignity and purpose.



COLLEGE THEME
BY MY WORKS
I WILL SHOW
YOU MY FAITH.
JAMES 2:18



IMAGES OF OUR LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS



MACKILLOP SETS NEW CARITAS RECORD

IT SEEMS THAT MACKILLOP students are more generous than ever before!

In 2014, the College broke its fundraising record for Caritas' Project Compassion by collecting a total of \$13,470.

This total surpassed the previous record set in 2010 by a staggering \$3295 and was an increase of 45% on last year's total.

Throughout Lent, all students were encouraged to donate to the Project Compassion fundraising effort. These funds go to Caritas, the Australian Catholic Church's aid organisation, so that they can continue to provide assistance to disadvantaged communities in Australia and overseas.

Student initiatives, like friendly inter-House competitions, raffles, and coin lines, along with the generous donations of students in PC Classes, helped the College to reach the



record total. A fantastic effort in just five and a half weeks!

The Wanniasa Campus was the largest contributor, raising \$7435, while \$6035 was raised by students on the Isabella Campus.

Congratulations on such a remarkable fundraising effort!



FUNDRAISING

IN 2014, MACKILLOP STUDENTS CREATED MORE INITIATIVES THAN EVER BEFORE TO RAISE FUNDS AND AWARENESS FOR THOSE IN NEED.

SAVING LIVES

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS ARE HELPING CANBERRA HOSPITAL TO SAVE MORE AND MORE LIVES.

Ever wondered what it is that your donations actually do? In August, the Canberra Hospital Foundation invited Mackillop students in to show them that your generosity is quite literally saving lives.

In 2013, Ngadyung donated \$3,297 towards the Canberra Hospital Foundation, which was its House Charity. The money enabled the Canberra Hospital's Emergency Department to purchase four Ventrain Emergency Kits.

The Ventrain is a new product that allows doctors to create a small and quick incision in the neck to create an airway if there are any breathing problems.

On 21 August, The Foundation and the Emergency Department invited College Captains Reece Inkpen and Claudia Holland and Ngadyung representatives Chris

Caruana and Brianna Cayirlyls to see the new equipment and test it out on a training kit. The students, accompanied by Mr McNicol and Mr Lee, then went on a tour around the new Centenary Ward and Paediatric Wing.

College Captain Reece Inkpen said it was good to see the College's

donations serving an important purpose.

"It was a great experience to see the equipment we had funded and to see that we have made a significant difference in the training of doctors and nurses," he said.

"MacKillop students should be proud of their efforts."



- DRESS UP DAYS
- BBQ LUNCHES
- BAKE SALES
- COIN LINES
- COMEDY SHOWS
- MOVIE NIGHTS

<FUNDRAISING>



CHAMPIONS OF CHARITY

STUDENTS DONATING (IN) THEIR OWN TIME

In 2014, lots of MacKillop students and staff got involved with charities outside of the school - charities that mean a lot to them personally. A number of students shaved their heads to raise money and awareness for cancer, many teachers and seniors grew moustaches for Movember, countless members of our community hit the streets for doorknocks, donated blood, and helped charities with administrative work. It was the fact that so many students donated their time - just as precious a resource as money - that helped the charities they supported to do the work they do. While the College focused on raising money for the Tegan Blunt Gift, Caritas, and the four House charities, we are proud to see the work of students and staff in the wider community. Congratulations to all the students and staff who gave so much to the community in 2014!

SRC FUN DRAI SING

NEW INITIATIVES SET THE SCENE

It's no surprise that MacKillop's record fundraising campaign for Caritas and its amazing efforts for the four House charities coincided with a range of interesting new fundraising ideas. The Wanniasa Campus led the way with auctions, trivia competitions, an op shop, a comedy show, and the SRC Movie Night in Term 4. These low-cost initiatives also happened to be highly entertaining, so it's no wonder students were so happy to show their support in 2014!



NGADYUNG

MENSLINK

Menslink is a charity that supports young men through tough and lonely times. Menslink offers support to young men in the Canberra region through counselling, volunteer mentoring, and school programs. Men's health, often a topic that goes ignored, benefits greatly from the support of Menslink. MacKillop and Ngadyung House could not be prouder to support a charity doing such outstanding things for young men in need. To raise money for our House charity, we held sausage sizzles, pizza lunches, Snuggle Day, a Comedy Show, and a Jersey Day. Thank you to all who supported Menslink!

Tegan Lorkovic & Brendan Yeo



GURABANG

THE CEREBRAL PALSY ALLIANCE

In Term 3, we set our eyes on raising funds for the Cerebral Palsy Alliance, an Australian based charity with a branch located in Spence, ACT. We chose this charity because there are families in the MacKillop community who are affected by Cerebral Palsy. At Isabella, we organised Onesie Day, and sold pizza and soft drinks, while Wanniasa held an Op Shop and Hoodie Day. After a busy week of raising awareness for the Cerebral Palsy Alliance and donating our hearts out, we raised roughly \$1370 across both campuses. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who donated and helped support a great charity!

Monique George & Joshua Rose

HOUSE CHARITIES

TOTAL RAISED FOR
HOUSE CHARITY &
CARITAS
\$4828+

TOTAL RAISED FOR
HOUSE CHARITY &
CARITAS
\$5049+

TOTAL RAISED FOR
HOUSE CHARITY &
CARITAS
\$4632+

TOTAL RAISED FOR
HOUSE CHARITY &
CARITAS
\$4538+

(FUNDRAISING EVENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR ARE LIKELY TO INCREASE THESE FIGURES SIGNIFICANTLY.)

MINDYGARI

THE SNOWY HYDRO SOUTHCARE HELICOPTER

It was a tough decision to choose the local charity we thought was a worthy cause to raise money for in 2014. In the end, we selected Snowy Hydro South Care. This particular charity was chosen as they are the primary provider of aero-medical and rescue helicopter services to people in the ACT and South East NSW, saving the lives of thousands each year. From Term 3, we held various events to raise money for this wonderful organisation, including a silly sock and scarf day at Isabella, a beanie and scarf day at Wanniasa, and a very successful auction day (also at Wanniasa). Thank you to the Mindygari SRC over both campuses for helping to organise these events!

Sarah Thompson & Daniel White



MEUP MEUP

NEW HOPE FOR CAMBODIAN CHILDREN

Term 3 brought on our House charity fundraising. Our House charity was New Hope for Cambodian Children, which is an orphanage for children with HIV and Aids in Phnom Penh. At the Senior Campus our fundraising included Name that Teacher Competition, Hippie & Ice Cream Day, Colour Day, and a Cake Sale. At the Junior Campus, the students held a Trivia Competition and had a special Shoe Day. Across the two campuses, Meup Meup managed to raise \$1270 for a great cause - a fantastic effort. Thank you to all who organised the events, took part, and (most importantly) donated towards such a worthy cause.

Sam Quirke & Carly Symons

People & Places

THE NEWS & EVENTS OF 2014

TEAM SUPREME DEEMED CULINARY QUEENS

MACKILLOP'S MASTERCHEFS
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STUDENTS WIN ACT TEEN CHEFS COMPETITION

MACKILLOP STUDENTS won a competition? That's nothing new. But when a team of Year 9 girls took out first place in the ACT Teen Chefs Competition, it was the calibre of their opponents that made their victory quite an incredible feat.

Mackillop's 'Team Supreme', consisting of Amberley Elliott, Claire Lonie, Brooke Simpson, and Katelyn Twiss, won the final 'cook-off' of the competition against Daramalan and Narrabundah colleges, whose students all study Senior Hospitality in Years 11 and 12.

After a gruelling selection process, Team Supreme went through to the finals at the Belconnen Fresh Food Markets on 27 August, where they had to create three original dishes and recreate the 'MasterClass dish' – a nashi pear and frangipane tart – as taught by mentor chef

Ivonne Nathan.

The difference in age and experience did not matter, however, as a panel of chefs judged Team Supreme to have created the best original dish as well as the most-accurate representation of the MasterClass dish.

The team was elated with their victory but was also quick to thank their Food teacher, Mr Justin Kain, for the part he played.

"We were really surprised that we made it through to finals, let alone win," the girls said.

"But we spent a lot of time practising with Mr Kain, who gave us a lot of little tips and who gave up a lot of time to help us prepare for the final.

"Mr Kain was a big part of it." On the day, however, it was all up to Team Supreme to deliver a culinary masterpiece, and they did not disappoint.

Their thyme-marinated lamb

with nashi pear salad, balsamic reduction, and orange-mustard dressing was considered to be the best dish of the day. In addition, their homemade fettuccini dish with cavolo nero pesto, and the sticky nashi pudding with thyme-infused toffee shards and caramel sauce also received generous praise. Each dish had to contain thyme, nashi pear, and cavolo nero, which were the mandatory ingredients.

By taking out the competition, the girls won Mackillop a cash prize, the Teen Chefs trophy, a collection of cookbooks, and four tablets. The greatest prize, however, was the experience.

"We gained a lot of skills from this," they said.

"We learnt so many little tips and tricks, as well as how to work cleanly and manage our time. The experience also brought us together, so now we'll always be 'Team Supreme'."

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WE GAINED A LOT OF SKILLS FROM THIS.





THE MAD SCIENTIST

SENIOR STUDENT NABS SCHOLARSHIP FOR SINGAPORE SCIENCE CAMP

WHO BETTER TO represent Australia at the 8th Asian Science Camp than a student who studies FOUR different Science subjects?

That must have been the thought process of Charles Darwin University, who awarded Tyler Jones of Year 12 one of two indigenous science scholarships to attend the six-day camp at Nanyang Technical University in Singapore in late August.

Tyler, who studies Physics, Chemistry, Earth Science, and Astronomy, was encouraged to apply for the scholarship by his teacher, Mr Mike Brennan.

"When I heard about the opportunity to apply, I thought straight away that Tyler is the kind of guy who needs to go for this," Mr Brennan said.

"We're very, very proud of him."

Australia sent a delegation of nine students from across the country as selected by Australian Science Innovations, which runs the national Big Science Competition and Australian Science Olympiad program.



TYLER JONES



SMMC: Tyler, congratulations on your selection to go over to Singapore for the Asian Science Camp! How did it feel to be selected?

TJ: At first I was in shock, I originally thought that it was a joke but then it was confirmed and I was ecstatic and I thought that it was such an honour to be selected.

SMMC: What was the experience like? What sorts of things did you do?

TJ: I have to admit the weather in Singapore was hot and muggy, but the trip and the conference were just mind-blowing. We got to see a lot of the big sights around Singapore like Gardens by the Bay and Orchard Road. We also got to meet with the Nobel laureates who were there and had a few things signed and questions answered.

SMMC: What are some of the things you learnt during the camp?

TJ: I learnt which fields science was focusing on, new concepts, and areas of Science like crystallography and its applications. I learnt about the position that modern Science was in as well as the evolution of Science through time and the projections of Science and its purpose. I also met a lot of smart people and learnt that a career in Science will not be an easy pursuit, for there is strong competition.

SMMC: You take a number of Science subjects at MacKillop. Which is your favourite and why?

TJ: Physics is my favourite Science because there are so many important things to understand like quantum mechanics and nuclear physics, which is always interesting.

SMMC: What is it about science that interests you?

TJ: I love the fact that every time that I have Science I learn something new and that constant learning is what drives my curiosity. I believe that this stems from my dad having a passion for Science - my parents nurtured my love for Science, just as much as I was curious about it.

SMMC: So is science something you wish to pursue as a career?

TJ: Science is something that I really want to get into, more specifically Theoretical Physics because this is something that is almost different for everyone to interpret and in my opinion is the key to future advancement in areas such as exploration in space or discovery of knowledge.



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"EVERY TIME I HAVE SCIENCE I LEARN SOMETHING NEW. THAT CONSTANT LEARNING DRIVES MY CURIOSITY."



CHILDREN'S
WEEK
AWARD

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• EMMA AND ELISE EARN ACT ENDEAVOUR AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS TO Year 11 students Emma Clarke and Elise Paull who have received a 2014 ACT Children's Week Endeavour Award.

The students were presented with the award by Margaret Reid AO at the launch of ACT Children's Week at the National Museum of Australia on Wednesday 22 October.

Emma and Elise were nominated for their work within the Canberra

community advocating for social justice issues as well as promoting fair trade by running a Fair Trade stall, which also raised funds for a range of charities. In addition, they were also recognised for their leadership roles at Kid's Church and other camps and activities involving young people.

The Endeavour Award is presented to persons aged 18 years and under who make extraordinary

contributions to other young people – through volunteer work, advocacy, or being good role models for other young people.

Emma and Elise are two truly deserving recipients of the ACT Children's Week Endeavour Award – not just for the work they do in the wider community, but also the invaluable contributions they make to the life of the College.



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ART AWARDS

ON FRIDAY 6 JUNE, the Tuggeranong Rotary Youth Art Awards exhibition opened at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre. Two of our students, Bree Sturges in Year 12 and Sarah Webber in Year 10, entered two photographic works each. A total of 45 works were entered in the competition and four awards were up for grabs.

MacKillop is proud to announce that both of our students were recipients of awards on the night. Sarah won the PhotoAccess Young Photographer's Award and Bree was the overall winner, taking out the \$2000 Rotary Club of Tuggeranong

Acquisitive Award.

The centre's CEO, Rauny Worm, said the winning mixed-media work, *Haunted by Humans* (pictured), was a beautiful and contemporary take on a traditional portrait.

The TRYA Award exhibition ran for the month of June at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre.

Well done Bree and Sarah!

Image courtesy of Dominic Lavers, Tuggeranong Arts Centre.

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PRINCIPAL MICHAEL LEE was presented with a Fellowship to the Australian Council of Educational Leadership at the ACEL conference dinner held on 1 October in Melbourne.

Mr Lee has been recognised with this fellowship for his outstanding work in educational leadership as Principal of three schools in the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese – St Mary MacKillop College, Hennessy Catholic College, and Mt Carmel School Yass – and for his success as

a curriculum leader in a number of schools in NSW and with the NSW Board of Studies. He is congratulated on this Fellowship, which focuses attention on the excellent leadership being developed within the Archdiocese.

This ACEL Fellowship also acknowledges Mr Lee's demonstrated commitment to improving educational outcomes for students through his leadership of curriculum development, literacy and numeracy initiatives, academic

care of students, mentoring for early career teachers and professional learning for teachers. He develops an environment for teachers and students where learning is valued and expectations are high. Michael has a passion for inclusivity; all students are welcomed in his vision for education and all students are given pathways to access the curriculum and to prepare for their futures.

Michelle da Roza

FELLOWSHIP FOR MR LEE •

CAREERS AWARD FOR KAREN •

THE HARD WORK of Careers Adviser Ms Karen Hundy was recognised this year as she received the 2014 Deanne Reynolds Career Development Award. Minister Joy Burch presented the award at the opening of the 2014 ACT CareersXpo on 30 July.

The award recognises excellence in the provision of career education in schools

and is named after the late Deanne Reynolds, who was an outstanding contributor to career development both in the ACT and nationally.

The award is recognition of Ms Hundy's contribution to Careers and VET education over 10 years here at the College and the contribution she has made to the wider careers community. Ms Hundy is indeed a worthy recipient of this award!



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PRATHIBA'S PhD

Congratulations to Isabella SOSE teacher Mrs Prathiba Nagabhushan who recently completed her Doctorate at the ANU. Mrs Nagabhushan will be awarded the degree of PhD in December this year – just after Yearbook distribution. Mrs Nagabhushan

has a passion for educational research and has conducted several action research projects at the College, aiming at improving student learning. She has presented her research at the national and international conferences in various

countries, including Japan, Denmark, Germany, Canada, USA, and Turkey.

Her thesis was on 'Academic Motivation and Engagement: Its nature and development in the final years of secondary education'.

Congratulations, Mrs Nagabhushan!

MACKILLOP FAMILY GROWS WITH COOMA EXPANSION

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IF YOU'VE SEEN A FEW NEW faces at the Isabella Campus in 2014, that's because MacKillop welcomed 23 new students into Year 11 this year through the forging of a new relationship with St Patrick's school in Cooma.

Because St Pat's only goes up to Year 10, and there are no Catholic colleges in Cooma, MacKillop stepped in to provide a Catholic pathway for St Pat's students,

arranging a bus to bring them to the Isabella Campus each day.

The size of that bus is set to grow in 2015, with an additional 20 Cooma students expected to join MacKillop for Year 11 2015.

We caught up with Cooma student **Emma Holgate** to hear about her first impressions of MacKillop and the experience of being a MacKillop student in Cooma.

EMMA HOLGATE
COOMA STUDENT

"LAST YEAR, I WAS IN A YEAR GROUP OF 30. GOING FROM THAT TO 300 WAS A BIG CHANGE."

SMMC: Emma, along with a number of students from St Pat's in Cooma, you decided to join MacKillop for Years 11 and 12. What were your main reasons for choosing MacKillop?

EH: St Pat's only caters up until Year 10. Many of us didn't want to go off to a boarding school, and the only other option was a local bus to Canberra that leaves at 6am. MacKillop came to us while we were in Year 10 at St Pat's and presented us with an opportunity to continue our Catholic education with MacKillop through St Pat's. We had interviews and orientations and a number of the St Pat's year group were interested in the wider range of subjects and opportunities MacKillop offered. Through St Pat's we went through an enrolment process and kept in touch while we finished Year 10 to prepare for this new chapter of our lives.

SMMC: What were your first impressions of the school and how has the rest of the year been?

EH: At first we were all very nervous. We had had a few orientations, but we were nervous that we wouldn't know our way around, and at first look MacKillop was a lot bigger. We were also nervous about getting used to

so many new people after being with the same small group for so long. Throughout the year things have just gotten easier and easier. We are all very comfortable in the MacKillop community and we're excited to see future St Pat's groups come through.

SMMC: How is MacKillop different to St Pat's?

EH: St Pat's is definitely a lot smaller. Last year, I was in a year group of 30 students, and going from that to around 300 was a big change. It was weird going from a school where you knew the names of every student from Year 7-10 to meeting someone new in your grade everyday, even still at the end of the year.

SMMC: How do you deal with the long bus rides? Is it difficult if you need to stay back at school or in Canberra for some reason?

EH: The bus ride is just over an hour. This means we leave Centennial Park at 7:30am and are back by 4:30pm, which isn't too bad. The bus trips give us a time to catch up, sleep or even do assignments if we need to. Staying in Canberra for after-school activities or for early morning excursions isn't too difficult. Most of us have made good

friends we can stay with, and our parents are often willing to take turns to carpool us to and from events.

SMMC: Being so close with the other Cooma students, has it been difficult to branch out and make friends with the students who have been at MacKillop for a while?

EH: We all made friends pretty much instantly. When we got put into our PCs we had at least one other Cooma student with us, but we made friends with others straight away. Everyone was really welcoming and friendly. We still had our Cooma friendships while we were figuring everything out, but now we have friends all over the place as well as our previous friendships which have become even stronger.

SMMC: How have you found the ACT system compared with NSW?

EH: The ACT system is a lot more relaxed. We don't have the pressure of a final HSC exam determining our entire senior schooling. The AST test is based more around general knowledge, and our knowledge on our subjects is assessed over two years rather than just the final exam. I've found it to be more manageable and it has helped me to balance everything.

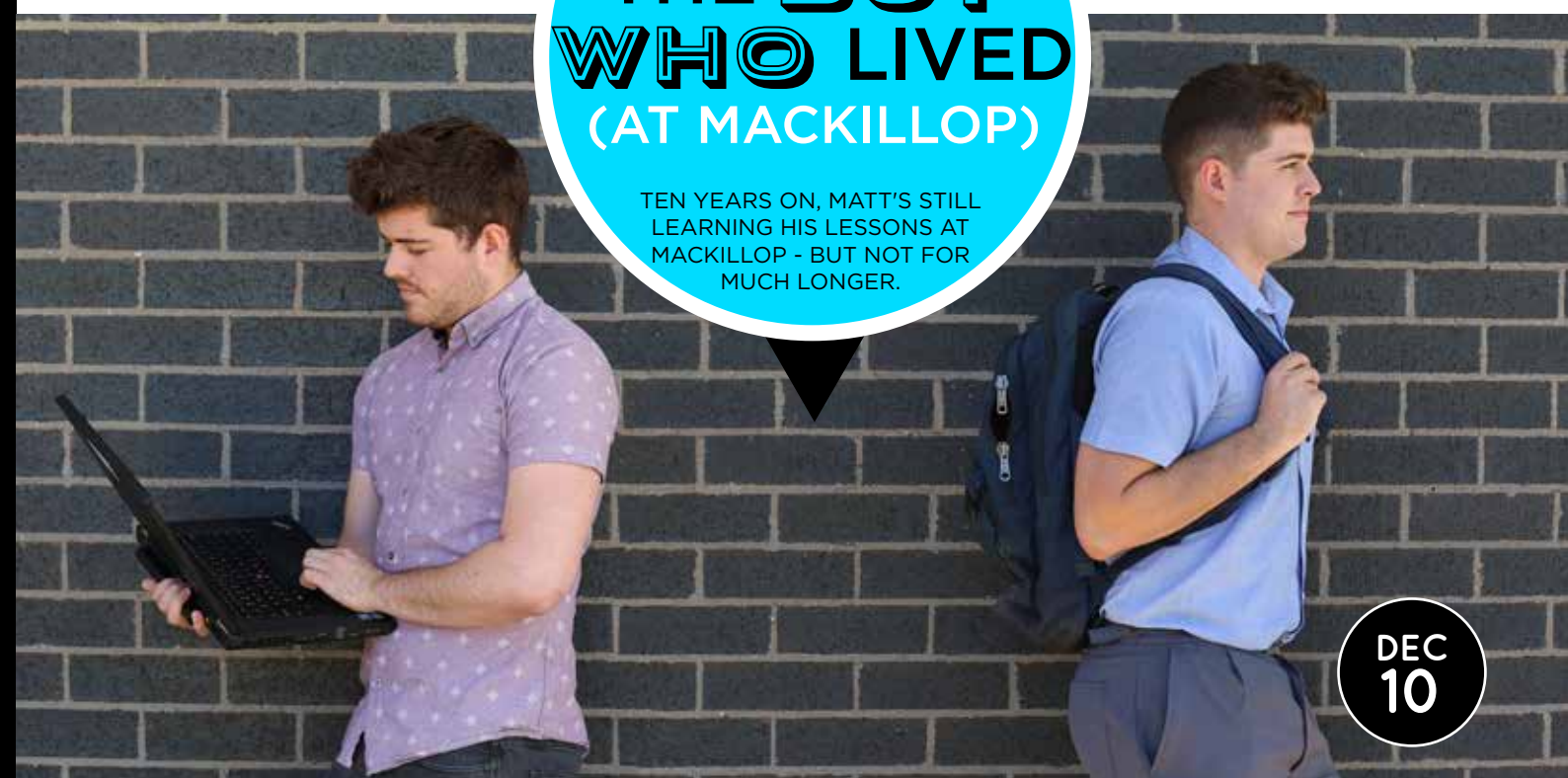
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THE BOY WHO LIVED (AT MACKILLOP)

TEN YEARS ON, MATT'S STILL LEARNING HIS LESSONS AT MACKILLOP - BUT NOT FOR MUCH LONGER.



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MATT EGAN 10

years since becoming a student at MacKillop, Matt Egan is finally leaving. In Matt's final year as a student in 2010, the former MacTechies member was identified as a potential staff member on MacKillop's IT team. Just four weeks after graduating, Matt began his first day as a MacKillop staff member. We caught up with the man whose life, from the end of this year, will finally be away from the realm of St Mary MacKillop College.

SMMC: It's rare (but not unheard of) that students take up a position on the MacKillop staff immediately after graduating. What was it like to begin working here so soon after ending up as a student?

ME: Exciting, it was a fantastic experience to work with the staff. It took a bit of time to stop calling everyone Sir and Miss, but the hardest part was seeing the students that were in the year below me (and some in the same classes as me) and having to have such drastically different interactions with them.

SMMC: What are some of your fondest memories at MacKillop? As a student or a staff member? Do you have an example of something you will always remember about this place?

ME: I will never forget the day that I graduated. Being at the Formal, getting our certificates and knowing that we had done it. Everyone looked so confident and happy. It made me very proud. Other than that it will always be the atmosphere that I

remember, going from class to class, being with my friends the entire time. Then having my IT team to work with, our day to day conversations made it great to come to work each day.

SMMC: What made you decide to join the staff?

ME: To be honest: money. It was also a job that I felt that I would be okay at, and I really wanted to move on from my job at McDonald's.

SMMC: Is there anything you learned about MacKillop by being on staff that you never would have known as a student?

ME: Teachers are way cooler than anyone ever guessed as a student. They are really good at having an awesome time...when students aren't looking.

SMMC: What are your plans now that you have decided to leave MacKillop?

ME: I plan to go to university, study and get good grades. I might do some travel too, at the least go around Australia. And maybe I'll

come back and visit from time to time and see how you are all surviving without me.

SMMC: You're fairly famous around here for being a clean-freak. How do you think the IT team will cope without you?

ME: Ha, let's just say, they are going to misplace so much stuff. If you can't find the IT staff, just shout into the piles of junk in their office, they may have gotten trapped.

SMMC: Are there any words of wisdom you feel you can share with students or staff?

ME: Make the most of your time at MacKillop, it's a fantastic place to be, but it only happens once in a lifetime.

I'LL NEVER FORGET THE DAY I GRADUATED. (AND THEN THE DAY I LEFT.)



CARPARK UPGRADE AT ISABELLA

The growing numbers at the Isabella Campus (due to stronger numbers in Years 11 and 12) has led to the upgrade of the student car park. What was once a muddy, potholed paddock is now a larger, level, fenced, and resurfaced area with clearly defined car spaces and barriers placed to maintain the safety of students using the car park.

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Faith & Courage

MACKILLOP'S MOTTO MAGNIFIED

Visitors to the Wanniasa Campus will feel more welcome than ever before. The College motto, 'Faith & Courage,' greets visitors as they drive into the front car park, and signage throughout the corridors will ensure that no one gets lost ever again!

The landscaping to northside at Wanniasa was completed in 2014, including a new locker area, nice new seating, and an amphitheatre.



LANDSCAPING COMPLETE AT WANNIASSA

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RECORD INTEREST IN MACKILLOP

MacKillop is receiving record levels of interest, if May's *Try MacKillop Day* is anything to go by. Over 400 primary school students spent Friday 9 May at the Wanniasa Campus, getting a taste of what high school is like at MacKillop. We look forward to welcoming a majority of those students to the school for Year 7 in 2015 - it's a shame we can't take them all.



MR LEE BECOMES LONGEST-SERVING PRINCIPAL OF MACKILLOP

Not a single student at MacKillop knows what the school is like under the leadership of a different principal - that's how long Mr Lee has been around. This year, he became MacKillop's longest-serving principal, surpassing the six years that foundation principal, Sr Noelene Quinane, spent at the helm. This record is only set to increase after Mr Lee was handed another five-year contract last year.

KIRA CROWNED STUDENT CHAMPION

Kira Guilfoyle (Year 9) won two first place 'blue' ribbons in craft at the 2014 Royal Canberra Show. Last year, Mr Akhtar taught his mathematics class how to make a flexagon (modular flexible origami). Kira took this knowledge home and practised the technique before entering the 'origami paper craft' competition, which she won. Kira's interest in Japan led her to also enter an exhibit of a 'Kumihimo' (a Japanese braided necklace) into the 'other textiles' division. Kira not only won first place, but she was awarded the title of 'Student Champion'.

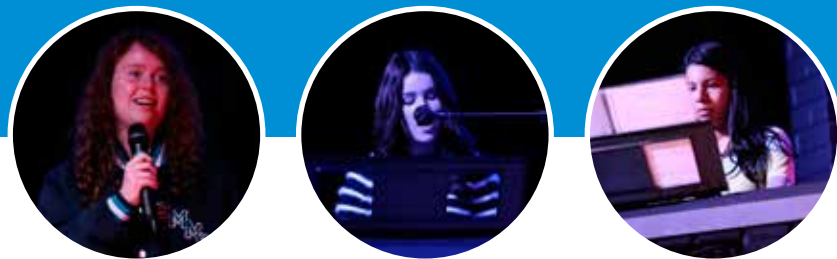


NEIGHBOURS SHOW SIGNS OF SOLIDARITY

In Term 3, the Isabella Campus received a visit from Imam Adam Korda and Islamic Centre Director Azra Khan. The purpose of their visit? To thank MacKillop for the support it had shown them after the Centre suffered a spate of vicious vandalism attacks. Since the Islamic Centre is only across the road from the senior campus, many members of the MacKillop community extended the hand of a neighbour by assisting with the clean up. Our relationship with our neighbours will hopefully send a reassuring message to the community. Our College, after all, takes its name from St Mary of the Cross, whose many achievements were in part made possible by Australians who were neither Catholic nor Christian.



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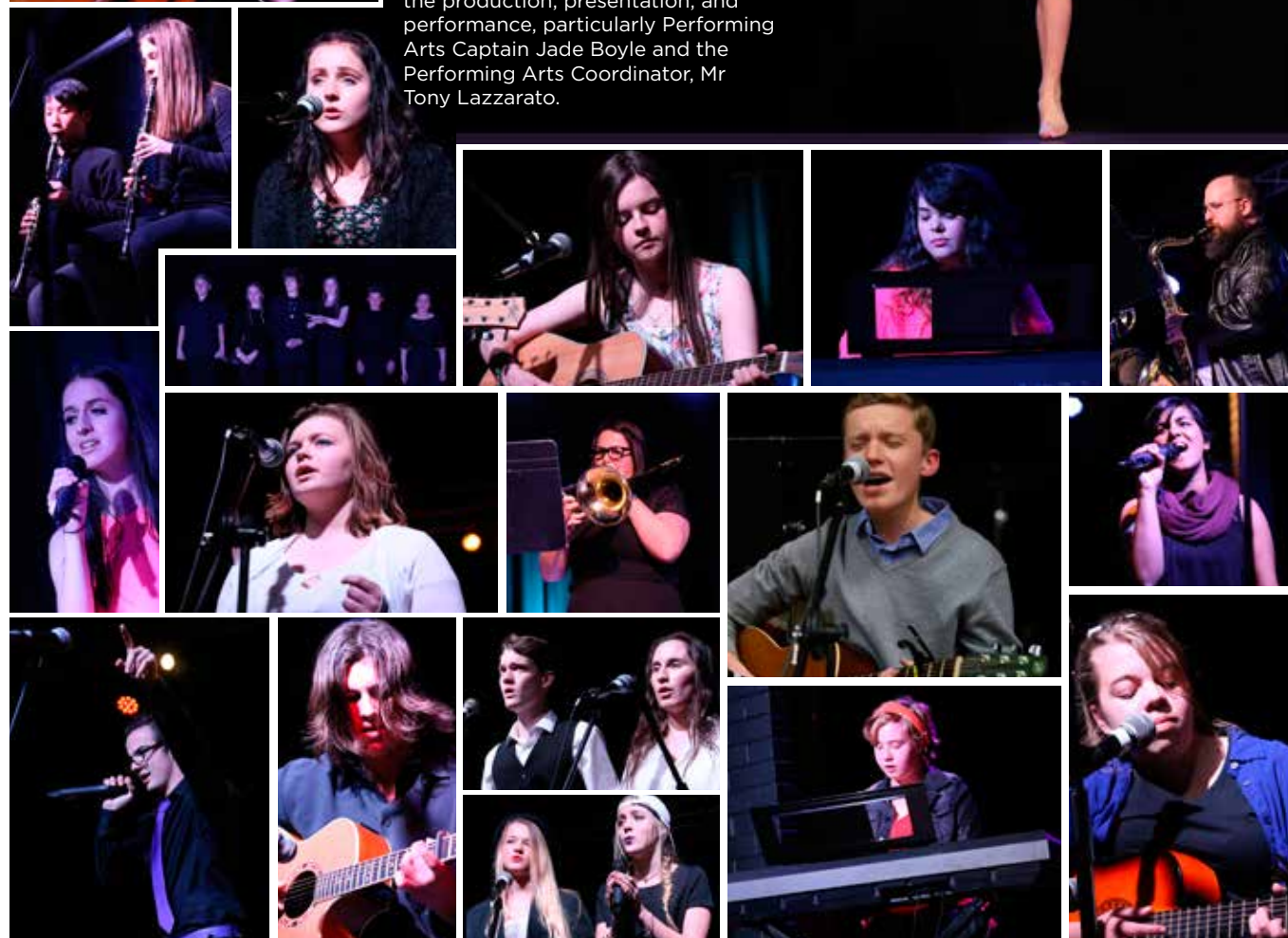


VARIETY NIGHT 2014

THE COLLEGE'S annual Variety Night, held on 8 August, was once again a great success, with students and even a few staff showcasing their talent in front of a packed Wanniasa Theatrette.

There was definitely a wide 'variety' of talent on show, with comedy, instrumentals, song, dance, and magic on display.

Congratulations to all involved in the production, presentation, and performance, particularly Performing Arts Captain Jade Boyle and the Performing Arts Coordinator, Mr Tony Lazzarato.



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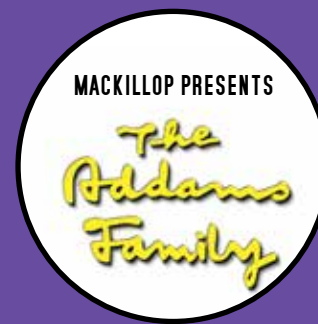
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MACKILLOP PRESENTS

The Addams Family





The College Musical



ADDAMS FAMILY WORTHY OF ACCOLADES •

CONGRATULATIONS to the cast and crew of The Addams Family, which was held at the Wanniasa Theatre over 19-22 August. The show was truly worthy of the widespread praise it received, with some even going as far as to say it was MacKillop's best ever musical performance. The fact that people have compared it with the recent musicals of Seussical, which won several CAT Awards, and Mulan, shows just how solid a production the cast and crew managed to achieve.

The final product can be considered all the more impressive given the task at hand: in 2014, MacKillop took on a full Broadway production as opposed to the junior versions of recent years.

Congratulations to the large team of teachers and students who, under the guidance of Mr Tony Lazzarato, provided a faithful, entertaining, and loving representation of the 'creepy and the kooky, mysterious and spooky' Addams Family.

THE STORY

The story of the Addams Family Musical is every father's nightmare. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family - a man her parents have never met. And if that weren't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before - keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything changes for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's 'normal' boyfriend and his parents...



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