



# MacKillop

St Mary MacKillop College Canberra

## College

## Newsletter



# Volume *Three*

22 March 2024

# Coming

# Up

MON **25** MAR

- 5:30pm: ANU and UAC Information Sessions

TUE **26** MAR

- College Athletics Carnival

THU **28** MAR

- Easter Liturgies (Holy Thursday)

FRI **29** MAR

- Good Friday (Public Holiday)

MON **01** APR

- Easter Monday (Public Holiday)

TUE **02** APR

- 6:00pm: Year 10 Urban Challenge Parent Information Session

SAT **06** APR

- Relay for Life

MON **08** APR

- Year 10 Work Experience Week
- Year 7 Immunisations (8-10 April)

FRI **12** APR

- Term 1 Concludes



# Principal's Letter

## *Principal's Prayer*

Lord, we give thanks for the life of your servant, Archbishop Francis.  
May his soul rest in eternal peace. Amen.



Dear parents/carers, teachers and students,

### **Vale Archbishop Francis Carroll**

As many of you would be aware, former Archbishop, Francis Carroll, entered into eternal life last week. His was a good and rich life. I wrote a letter to the Canberra Times, which was published on Saturday (reproduced below). I represented the College at his funeral on Thursday 21 March.

*I read of the passing of Fr Francis Carroll with deep emotion. He gave dignity, respect, and time to everybody he met. He exhibited the best of integrity, wisdom, humanity, and faithfulness here in Canberra and everywhere in the archdiocese to which we belong. I have never met anybody who wasn't comforted and uplifted by his company. This remains perhaps his finest achievement. His passion for the Sydney Swans was perhaps his only flaw. May his memory be blessed.*

### **Primary School Visits for Year 7, 2025**

I have had the pleasure of visiting a few of our feeder primary schools over the last two weeks to talk to Year 6 about what they should look forward to in Year 7. I have been accompanied by some staff, Year 12 leaders, and some Year 7 students. It has been a real pleasure to be in the company of these students. What each of them have done in their own authentic way is to reassure and excite young people about high school and MacKillop. In doing so, they have exhibited a confidence, enthusiasm, integrity, and sense of fun about their high school experience. It's very easy to be proud of your children!

### **Flooding on the St Peter's Campus**

Overnight on Tuesday 12 March, a number of burst pipes flooded the entire Sr Noelene Quinane Building on the St Peter's Campus, including the canteen, theatre, study spaces and offices. The College is investigating the source and responsibility for the flooding for insurances and preventative purposes. Congratulations to Business Manager Steve Wilde and the Maintenance Team who have done an excellent job of restoring the building and to Head of Campus Lachlan McNicol who expertly re-roomed the Senior Campus with minimal disruption. The College's swift response to a significant challenge like this has been impressive. I apologise for any inconvenience.

### **NAPLAN – Year 7 and 9**

Congratulations to Teaching and Learning Coordinator Lisa Buckland who oversaw the administration of the NAPLAN tests for 750 students at MacKillop. Whatever the merits or otherwise of NAPLAN, the administration of the test is a huge production, expertly managed again this year by Lisa and her team. I know Year 9 are breathlessly waiting for the results – I encourage patience until Term 3 when the results come to the school.

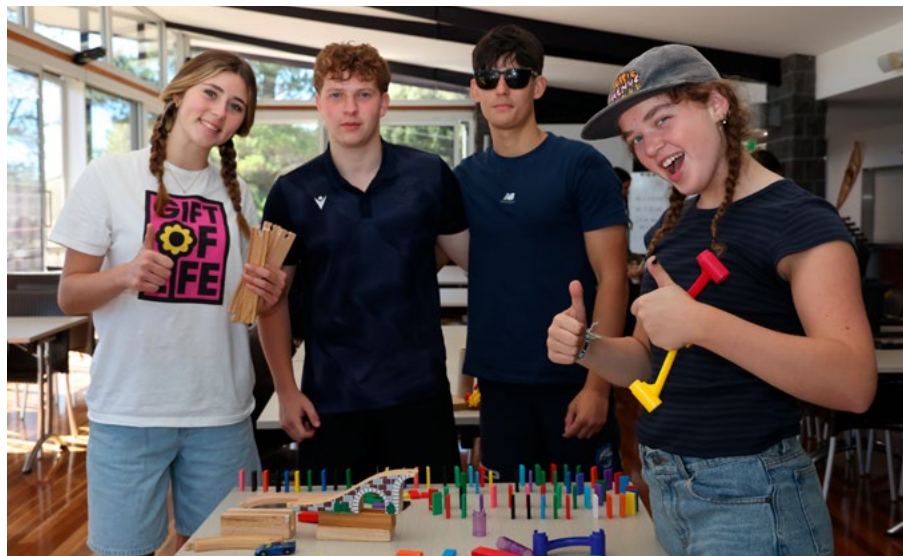
### **AFP Medal**

As you know, our community is full of people who go above and beyond in their workplace and in the community. A particular shout out to MacKillop parent Peter Dean who made the Australia Day Honours List and was awarded an Australian Police Medal. This newsletter has often, but probably not often enough, been praiseworthy of first responders and people who serve our country and community in uniform. Congratulations, Peter!

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Michael Lee**  
College Principal





## Year 11 Retreat

We arrived at sunny Jindabyne on Thursday 21 March excited and energetic! We had a quick lunch upon arrival, which was nachos, before getting into a big day of activities!

Our first rotation was the puzzle room, which was an escape room with problem solving, math questions, riddles and team building. Our group was the fastest to escape! After that we completed the maze, which was challenging but rewarding. We played a version of Among Us and Bingo Maze where we had to find different students hidden within the maze. It was very enjoyable and something new that we hadn't tried before.

All the students then met back together in the recreation room for free time before a presentation by Mr Lee and a liturgy. We reflected on our time here and looked into gratitude and what we are grateful for in our lives. After dinner we finished off the night with an intense game of trivia before it was lights out.

The next day was 'go go go,' as we had lots to do before returning to Canberra. The day featured more rotations of activities before lunch. These included mountain biking, archery and more! After lunch we were all super exhausted and ready to make our way back. We had an awesome time at Year 11 Retreat and are grateful for the memories we made and the staff who accompanied us!

**Christine Benedict, Jennifer Hoskinson and Lara d'Ambrosio • Year 11**







## Gift of Life Walk *Promoting organ and tissue donation*

MacKillop's Year 11 students participated in the Gift of Life Walk on Friday 15 March to highlight the importance of organ and tissue donation. Well over half of the students from the Year 11 cohort stayed back after school on Friday to complete the 5km walk and to promote DonateLife's call for people to register as organ donors. There were good vibes as the students walked around the St Peter's Campus oval, with music, soft drinks, a photobooth, and a range of props for photos.

The students promoted the idea of organ donation by sharing content on their social media accounts and they were also encouraged to have conversations with their families about registering as donors through [www.donatelife.gov.au](http://www.donatelife.gov.au). The students also took away merchandise that they can wear to help spread the message. The walk is organised by Gift of Life Incorporated in conjunction with DonateLife and the Government's Organ and Tissue Authority. It aims to promote greater community awareness of the importance of organ and tissue donation and transplantation by sharing the 'Discover, Decide, Discuss' strategy.

Congratulations to the students of Year 11 for participating in the walk and for helping to spread the message!



## ACEL Award for Mrs White

### *Growing in Leadership Award*

Congratulations to the Padua Campus English Coordinator, Mrs Erin White, who received an Australian Council of Educational Leaders 'Growing in Leadership' Award last week.

Held on Thursday 14 March at The Loft in O'Connor, the ACCEL ACT Awards Evening honoured educational leaders who, in the view of their peers, had made a significant contribution to the understanding and practice of educational leadership throughout 2023.

The citation for Mrs White's award said: *Erin is a highly motivated, professional, and dedicated teacher who always strives to offer the students at the College the best opportunities to learn and make academic progress.*

Congratulations, Mrs White!

## Pi Day and International Day of Mathematics

Thursday 14 March was International Day of Mathematics which is most often celebrated as Pi Day (3.14). To mark the occasion, students on the Padua campus engaged in a range of  $\pi$ -themed activities in their Maths classes. These activities included logic puzzles, proofs without words, calculating pi from circular objects and pi bracelets, where the nature of irrational numbers was explored.

Students were able to experience the creative side of mathematics, whilst learning important concepts and having fun!

**Ms Beth Bright • Assistant Mathematics Coordinator**



*"From celebrating Pi Day, I now know more digits of pi and I have a better understanding of calculating the diameter and circumference of circular objects."*

**Charlotte England • Year 9**

*"The puzzles were difficult and got our brains working. The bracelets were a relaxing task to do after the puzzle booklet before moving on to find the circumference and diameter of a circular object. These activities got everyone involved to make it an amazing maths lesson."*

**Amelia Littlewood • Year 9**

*"The Pi math games were extremely enjoyable and quite sophisticated because of the mind-bending pi-themed puzzles that challenged the mind. Today was a good day to be in math. Pi is fun. Pi is life."*

**Samuel Reyes • Year 8**

*"My favourite activity was making the Pi bracelets because we got to take them home and they are helpful for whenever we need to remember the first few digits of Pi. Overall, Pi Day was really fun."*

**Sara Cruz Angulo • Year 8**

*"All in all, this was a very fun day. Happy Pi Day!!"*

**Matthew Moore • Year 9**







## St Joseph's Short Stay Exchange

French exchange students from St Joseph's school in France stayed with several MacKillop families for 17 days on an exchange program from Tuesday 20 February to Thursday 7 March.

The students and staff engaged academically in classrooms, participated at College events, interacted with students and staff, and went on excursions visiting many sites in Canberra.

Thank you to all of the families who hosted students, for the generosity you showed to our guests for just over a fortnight!

## Year 8 Creative Maths *Cyber CX*

This term, Mrs Fife's Year 8 Creative Maths class has been studying logic and reasoning. In this unit the students have studied cryptography, encoding, decoding, deciphering, patterns and puzzles and various other skills. To extend on these skills, Jack from Cyber CX came to the College to present on the purpose of cyber security and the progression of Cyber Security over time. Students gained a deeper understanding of concepts such as hashing, quantum computers, signing data, asymmetric encryption, everyday cryptography and cryptocurrencies. They also had the opportunity to ask any burning questions that they have about the cyber world. Furthermore, Jack provided some tips and tricks on how students can safely use internet browsers. Creative Maths has proven to be a very pragmatic and useful subject for the Year 8s and they are loving the opportunities thus far.

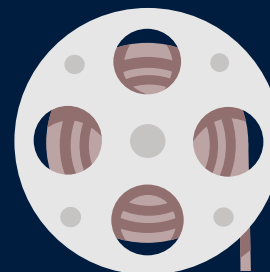
**Mrs Anthea Fife • Year 8 Creative Maths Teacher**

## French Film Festival

An immersive experience in language and culture.

French and Italian students were fortunate to experience an immersive historical drama set in the XVII century, providing them with a deeper insight into the religious wars and the strong connections between France, Italy and Spain. This thrilling action film, featuring renowned French actors, offered a complete immersion into French language and culture, alongside a learning experience about the pivotal events that shaped France and Europe.

**Natalie O'Toole • Languages Coordinator**



## Geography Excursions

### Wollongong & Jerrabomberra Wetlands

Students in Year 11 and 12 Geography recently had the opportunity to participate in field trips to Bulli and Sandon Point beaches in Wollongong and the Jerrabomberra Wetlands as part of their study of land cover transformations. These excursions provided valuable hands-on learning experiences, allowing students to apply concepts from the classroom in practical settings.

During the field trip to Wollongong, students examined the complexities of managing land cover in a coastal environment. Students collected primary data and made detailed observations to gain a deeper understanding of the physical processes shaping our coastlines. A significant part of the excursion involved identifying and evaluating different management strategies to mitigate the impact of natural processes and human activity in the area.

The focus then shifted from the coast to the urban landscape of the Jerrabomberra wetlands, where students explored land cover management in response to surrounding development. Students heard from a senior ranger about the intrinsic values of the wetlands, the threats posed by human activity and management strategies that have been implemented to preserve this novel ecosystem. The excursion concluded with a macroinvertebrate sampling activity to assess the health of various water bodies across the wetlands.

Through these excursions, students have developed a deeper appreciation for coastal and wetland environments and the need for more sustainable management practices.

**Mr Trent Wilson • Geography Teacher**



## Year 11 Chemistry *Gold Nanoparticles*

Year 11 Chemistry students recently made gold nanoparticles. Nanoparticles are materials that measure between 1 and 100 nanometres – one nanometre is one billionth of a metre. In comparison, a human hair is approximately 100000 nanometres wide. Gold nanoparticles appear red in colour, unlike bulk metallic gold, which is a lustrous yellow. Gold nanoparticles are used in a variety of fields from electronics to medicine. They are commonly used in lateral flow assays such as home pregnancy tests and Covid Rapid Antigen Tests.

**Ms Melanie Pietsch • Science Teacher**





## Community Day *Year 7*

Community Day was an amazing experience filled with engaging and meaningful lessons and activities all focusing on the theme of **Working Together**. Project Rokit looked at bullying, how we can help stop bullying and provide support for others. Next Top Model allowed us to be creative in a team and design an outfit made out of newspaper. The Mental Health Challenge helped us gain the perspectives of those who struggle and the Physical Challenge looked at our communication skills and how we can be gracious when we win and lose. Community Day encouraged us to work together as a team by listening and including everyone, to continue to be kind and cooperative, and to allow everyone a moment to shine and take initiative. The day motivated us to be great leaders and was the best way to start the year!

**Juan Gariguez & Lillian Gerada • Year 7**

## Ei Pulse *Student Wellbeing Check*

The College is excited to introduce Ei Pulse, a new wellbeing measurement program. Starting this Thursday, all students will be using this program to reflect on their mental, social, and physical wellbeing.

Wellbeing is a comprehensive term that encompasses various aspects of our lives. It's essential to understand that achieving optimal wellbeing involves being adequately resourced in the following six areas:

Health Material Basics Valued/Safety Connection Learning Culture/Identity

Ei Pulse allows students to reflect on these areas and seek support if needed. This initiative by the College demonstrates our commitment to a data-informed pastoral approach, ensuring that every student is known and has the opportunity to seek help.

The Pastoral Care Class teachers are eagerly looking forward to reviewing and acting upon the data collected through Ei Pulse. This will enable the College to take proactive steps in supporting the wellbeing of all students and fostering a caring environment.

**Paul Durham • Assistant Principal, Pastoral Care**

## Driver Safety when Collecting Students

When dropping off or picking up students, please utilise the basketball courts on both campuses as the primary pickup point. We understand that congestion may occur at times, so we kindly ask for your patience. Avoid stopping on the main road near entry and exit points to the College, as this can be dangerous and obstruct drivers' vision. It's crucial to pick up students at the designated location to ensure safety.

Furthermore, students have been reminded to prioritise their safety as pedestrians, whether in the carpark, on the basketball courts, surrounding streets, at crossings, or at bus stops. Drivers, please adhere to speed limits, yield at crossings, and assist in maintaining a safe environment for everyone. Your cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated.

## Year 10 Urban Challenge *Parent Information Session*

The Year 10 Urban Challenge will take place in the urban landscape of Sydney and its surrounds during the last week of Semester 1. Students will operate in small teams of approximately 16 with each student taking on the responsibility of a specific role within the team. Teams are required to complete a series of challenges and activities, embarking on an unfolding adventure that takes them all over Sydney. Students are given the freedom to make their own decisions. This includes being responsible for navigating their way around, buying and preparing food, solving clues and managing a team budget.

In preparation for the experience, staff from the Urban Challenge will attend the College to provide information to parents and students.

The details of the parent information session are:

**Date** Tuesday 2 April  
**Time** 6.00pm  
**Venue** Theatre, Sr Noelene Quinane Building, St Peter's Campus

**Paul Durham • Assistant Principal, Pastoral Care**



## SRC Report

The Swimming Carnival was a great day and from championship events through to novelties, participation was outstanding. Meup Meup took an early lead in championship points and managed to maintain it until the end. The Spirit Cup was competitive all the way up until the end of the day when Meup Meup gained the win from their relay participation.

We'd like to thank all the staff and students for making the Swimming Carnival the best one yet, and a special thanks to those who got there early to set up and stayed back late to pack it down. Congratulations to Meup Meup on winning both the Championship Trophy and the Spirit Cup after a monumental effort led by House Captains Maggie Robinson and Joe Wagner.

It's now time to get excited for our Athletics Carnival! On Tuesday 26 March, MacKillop will be heading to the AIS to find out which House (or Houses) will take the trophies home. Watch out Meup Meup, the other houses are coming for you! We are looking forward to seeing as many faces as possible on the day; we are aiming for 90% attendance.

Project Compassion is still in full swing, with the SRC challenging all PCs to see which can become the GOAT PC. Only \$65 is needed to provide an impoverished family in Malawi with a goat, so we've challenged each PC to dig deep and raise as much as they can. Every donation helps us fund more goats for Malawian families. At the moment, there are a few Year 11 and 12 PCs who have raised enough money for two goats, but we all know that the more goats, the better, so please continue to give generously.

**Harry Angus & Tadhg Meade (on behalf of the SRC)**  
**College Captain & Faith and Community Captain**



## Status Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been presented Status Awards at the Padua Campus Assembly:

### BRONZE STATUS

- Eve Buchanec
- Ben Rohan

### SILVER STATUS

- Darcy O'Rourke

**Paul Durham**

**Assistant Principal, Pastoral Care**



## Courage to Care

Last month we had the privilege of welcoming Courage to Care, a program that showcases Holocaust survivors' stories and teaches future generations to be upstanders, people who speak and stand up for those being targeted and harmed. We heard the harrowing story of a young family's journey through the Holocaust and their inspiring escape. Programs like Courage to Care can equip us and future generations with the right tools to combat discrimination and nurture compassion and common understanding.

**Tadhg Meade • Year 12**



## International Women's Day Breakfast

In Week 5, alongside Ms Kinnane and Mrs Lee, the Year 12 female captains attended the International Women's Day breakfast held at Ainslie Football Club by the Women's Catholic Taskforce of the Canberra and Goulburn Archdiocese. We left the breakfast not only with full stomachs of delicious fresh fruit and pastries, but also feeling inspired and empowered by the words of Selena Walker, the award winner of ACT local hero, as well as a respected Indigenous woman, and a member of our own MacKillop community.

She spoke to us about the importance of being ourselves, her passion for paving a pathway where everyone has a voice and how our nation needs to listen to our inspired younger generations as they will be leading our futures. Three concepts that Selena used to describe indigenous spirituality stood out to us. The first way she explained it was by describing it as an amputated leg and how, although the amputee could not see or physically touch the limb, they somehow always have a sensation of connection.

The second example she used, was saying that Indigenous people are like square pegs, in a white man's circle-shaped world. The square shape will never fit because they are so different. She continued to explain how 'during COVID-19 everyone had to change their ways of operating, making us have to be like triangles.' Her main message in this example was encouraging us to find a way to build a hexagon. This way a triangle, square and circle can all fit.

The final example she gave to us at breakfast was about a McDonald's drive-through. Everybody knows that there are usually two lanes you can choose from to order your food. She asked us to imagine that one lane was indigenous spirituality, and the other was not. They are both going towards the same destination, yet they are different. This is the way she described her spirituality, doing the same thing, just in a different way.

Selena's speech really resonated with me and my fellow captains, and we were honoured to hear her brilliant thoughts and stories. Listening to her speak inspired us, and encouraged us to strive for greatness, and live with kindness.

**Tara Davey • Year 12 Gurabang House Captain**





## Music at MacKillop

### EARLY MUSIC TRAINING, AS GOOD AS SUPER!

Did you know, learning music from an early age can help you in the later stages of life? Research (Strong & Mast, 2019) shows that learning a musical instrument for 10 years or more may provide late-life benefits such as language, executive function and visual-spatial ability. Not only does it help brain function, it's also fun!

Music is a compulsory subject in Year 7 and an elective subject in Years 8-12. If you are interested in studying Music as a subject, please speak with one of the Music teachers on either campus.

### THRILLING PERFORMANCES

It is refreshing to see a variety of performances around MacKillop so early in the term. On Wednesday 6 March, students from the Padua Guitar Ensemble, directed by Sean Reardon, performed at the Padua Campus Assembly. Last week, on Wednesday 13 March, a group of Year 11 students performed a rock band item by the Strokes. The applause from the audience showed their appreciation. As always, the Chamber Choir and Padua Concert Band led the National Anthem beautifully for these two events. Thank you and congratulations to all students and staff involved in these performances.

**Mr Henry South • Director of Music**

### ENSEMBLE NEWS

Did you know MacKillop has a flute ensemble? The group is made up of flute players in Years 7-9 and rehearses at Wednesday recess in Practice Room 6. All flute players are welcome to join!

If you are interested in joining the flute ensemble, or any other ensemble that MacKillop offers, please contact Henry South, Director of Music, at [henry.south@mackillop.act.edu.au](mailto:henry.south@mackillop.act.edu.au) for further information.

### INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

Interested in learning a musical instrument or voice? MacKillop offers instrumental tuition for a range of instruments. Our tutors are highly experienced musicians and provide tuition on a weekly basis to students in the program.

Please collect a form from the Music Department on either campus or contact Henry South, Director of Music, at [henry.south@mackillop.act.edu.au](mailto:henry.south@mackillop.act.edu.au) for further information.

### UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

- **Wednesday 3 April** Padua Campus Assembly - Junior Choir
- **Wednesday 15 May** Cowra Eisteddfod (Bands & Orchestras)
- **Friday 17 May** Cowra Eisteddfod (Choirs)



## MacKillop Mob *NRL School2Work Excursion*

Four Year 12 students enrolled in the NRL School2Work program spent a day connecting Country and Culture along with other participants. The program provides support for students in their final year at College and continues for the first year after leaving. This support comes in the form of assistance with applying for ongoing study at University or CIT or with finding a job or entering the workforce in some capacity.

We travelled to the National Museum of Australia where we had a smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country from a Ngannawal Elder before spending time in the First Nations exhibition. The day finished with access to AITSIS where we were able to research our families' histories, it was a highlight seeing each other find pictures of our family, or just learning a little bit more.

**Avari Petersen, Charlotte Castledine, Kurran Ramalli and Jaharn Mundy-Drazevich**  
Year 12 Students



## Sporting Teams

### WATER POLO

On Monday 4 March, 15 enthusiastic (but somewhat inexperienced) Year 8 – 10 girls attended the ACT Water Polo gala day at the AIS. The day started well with the Stingers (the Australian Women's Water Polo team) training at the pool. Students watched the training and were able to pick up a few tips. Seeing team member and TikTok famous Tilly Kearns was an added bonus. The competition itself was hard work. With only two players with any water polo experience it was a pretty steep learning curve for most of the team. The girls gave it their all and were thoroughly exhausted by the end of the day. Enthusiasm, perseverance and improvement in each game was rewarded by a win in the final game of the day. Special thanks to Miss Sarah Purcell who coached the team and also did our referee and bench duties.

### Ms Caroline Winslade



### OZTAG & TOUCH FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the senior girls' OzTag team who were crowned ACT Champions at the gala day on Wednesday 13 March.

In Touch Football we had a number of teams who have made it through the ACT Finals which are coming up in the next few weeks.

### AFL GALA DAY

On Thursday 14 March, students in Years 10, 11 and 12 took part in the AFL Gala Day at Hughes Oval. The girls' team faced off against several schools giving it their all throughout the day. The boys' team contended against some hard schools but made their way into the Grand Final. They began strongly and led at half time, only to be overcome in the second half. All students were worthy representatives of the College and demonstrated skill, teamwork and sportsmanship.

### Mr Peter Johnson



### INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Joseph Rutten (Year 7) was awarded with the 2023 Excellence in Sport 12&U All Rounder Award at the ACT School Sports presentation. Meaghann Scott (Year 11) was nominated for the 13&O All Rounder Award.

Mikaela Warylo (Year 12) recently competed in the NSW(open) state powerlifting competition where she placed 1st, winning her age category with a 367.5kg total for the day. Mikaela is heading to Newcastle in April to compete at the 2024 National Series.

Taylah Woods (Year 9) will be travelling to Singapore in June to compete in the Singapore Open International Gymnastics Competition.

Meaghann Scott (Year 11) has been selected into U18 Basketball ACT team and will be competing in Brisbane in April at Nationals.

Angus Withington (Year 10) was selected into the ACT team and competed at the National Junior Track Cycling Competition in Brisbane in March.

Lily Tompkins (Year 8) will be competing at the ISSF Pistol Nationals in Brisbane in May.

Jude Elliott (Year 11) is attending the Royals under 16s Rugby tour in April.

Alana Fraser and Olivia Tapp (Year 10) played for the Giants U16 AFLW against the Swans in Sydney. Both are in the AFLW Giants Academy U16s.



## Second Hand Uniform Shop

The shop will be closed for Weeks 8 and 9. It will reopen in Week 10 (Thursday 11 April). The shop will also be open over the second week of the school holidays by appointment. These opening times allow ample opportunity for the shop to meet your winter uniform needs before the start of Term 2.

Remember to text: 0427 089 370 or email: [uniforms@mackillop.act.edu.au](mailto:uniforms@mackillop.act.edu.au) for an appointment. The shop email and phone will not be monitored until Sunday 7 April. At this time, you will be contacted to arrange a time for you to visit the shop. Remember, if you are **CERTAIN** of your child's uniform size, you can email your uniform requirements to the shop. The uniforms can then be collected at either campus front office. The shop uses the appointment system so that individual attention can be given to each customer, as well, the shop space is small and gets crowded with only a few people in it.

Happy Easter to all.

**Judy • Uniform Shop Manager**

## Community Noticeboard

### CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH TIMES

Holy Week and Easter times at Corpus Christi Parish South Tuggeranong are:

**Holy Thursday - 7pm, Holy Family Church Gowrie.** *Mass of the Lords' Supper & Washing of the Feet. Adoration till 9:30pm*

**Good Friday - 11am, St Clare of Assisi School grounds.** *Stations of the Cross*

**Good Friday - 3pm, Holy Family Church Gowrie.** *The Passion & Death of our Lord*

**Easter (all Holy Family Church Gowrie)** *7pm, Saturday Vigil + 8am & 10am Sunday*

### WODEN VALLEY SOCCER CLUB

Ever wanted to try Soccer? Woden Valley Soccer Club are looking for more players for their Girls U14 and Girls U16 soccer teams for the 2024 season, new players welcome! Email the club Admin for more info: [admin@wvsc.org.au](mailto:admin@wvsc.org.au) and visit their [website](https://www.wvsc.org.au).

### AAS CRICKET COACHING

AAS Cricket Coaching are holding ACT Easter Holiday Cricket Camps for ages 5-16. Have fun and develop your cricketing skills under the guidance of our qualified and experienced coaches – there is also a T10 Challenge Cup and prizes up for grabs. Visit [here](https://www.aasports.com.au) to book and for more information. Book before 11.59pm on Friday 29 March using the code AASCEASTER10 to SAVE 10% OFF. For any inquiries contact: [activeallsports@outlook.com](mailto:activeallsports@outlook.com)

### PRO PERFORMANCE CRICKET

Pro Performance Cricket are hosting Holiday Cricket Camps. They offer intensive individual and group skill development with an excellent coach to player ratio, and a focus on a positive and fun environment. If you are interested, more information and bookings are available [here](https://www.properformancecricket.com.au).

### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online. To see the Programs, Activities & Events happening these holidays click [here](https://www.mackillop.org.au/holiday-happenings).

### YOUTH WEEK FUN DAY

Youth Week Fun Day is happening on Thursday 18 April from 10am – 2pm at Chambers Park Bruce Street Tolland. It's a free event with music, food tasting of diverse cultures, free prizes to be won, activities, a basketball tournament, entertainment, dancers and more!

### MAKER 2 MARKET

Are you 10-17 years old and ready for a real-world learning experience? Learn and use design thinking methodology to create your very own micro-business with our 3-day business taster program. Problem solve, learn to prototype and market-test, make handmade products to sell to real customers at the Old Bus Depot Markets. If you are interested, book [here](https://www.maker2market.com.au).

### MERICI COLLEGE 65TH ANNIVERSARY

Merici is celebrating their 65th Anniversary at the Southern Cross Club Woden (Corinna Room 1) on Saturday 1 June from 6pm. Tickets are \$100 per head and includes a 3-course meal. The dress code for the night is Formal. Click [here](https://www.merici.org.au) to book your ticket or visit their [website](https://www.merici.org.au) for more info.

### YWCA CANBERRA YOUTH PROGRAMS – HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The YWCA Canberra Youth Programs Team provides a free school holiday program to young people aged 10-25 in Tuggeranong. There are a range of excursions happening from visiting the zoo, going to the movies, bowling, iPlay, etc. To register email: [youth@ywca-canberra.org.au](mailto:youth@ywca-canberra.org.au) or visit their [website](https://www.ywca-canberra.org.au) for more info.





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## We're enrolling now for 2025!

Visit our website to enrol or to register for our upcoming enrolment events: [www.mackillop.act.edu.au](http://www.mackillop.act.edu.au)



### Year 7 2025 Open Night

Monday 6 May  
Padua Campus

Book a session:  
[www.mackillop.act.edu.au](http://www.mackillop.act.edu.au)



### Try MacKillop Day

Friday 10 May  
Padua Campus

For Year 6. Register at:  
[www.mackillop.act.edu.au](http://www.mackillop.act.edu.au)



### Year 11 2025 Info Night

Wednesday 15 May  
St Peter's Campus

Save the date:  
More information to come!

Applications for Year 7 2025 close Friday 31 May  
Enrolment enquiries: [enrolments@mackillop.act.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@mackillop.act.edu.au)

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**MacKillop**  
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