



8 FEBRUARY 2013

IMPORTANT DATES

FEB.
TUESDAY
19

• Photo Day (Wanniassa)

FEB.
FRIDAY
22

• Opening Mass
• Year 12 Mentoring Day

FEB.
THURSDAY
28

• Photo Day (Isabella)
• Year 7 & 9 Vaccinations

INFO NIGHTS

11 Feb: Year 10 Info Night
11 Feb: Year 11 Info Night
12 Feb: Year 7 Info Night
18 Feb: Year 8 Info Night
18 Feb: Year 9 Info Night



PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

WELCOME BACK!

Years ago, the opening round of the AFL season started with the Essendon v Carlton match on a Saturday afternoon at the MCG. A warm autumn day, the crowd was so great that the game was a lock out. Melbourne television was filled with the story.

A young boy of about ten looked passionately into the TV camera, fresh faced and clear-eyed. "I've waited all summer for this!" he declared. The Bombers prevailed by a point in front of 85,000 people.

The start of the school year rarely ... that kind of passion, excitement, and thrill, but I must admit, I had been waiting for the first day with a heightened sense of expectation.

Over 400 new students have started at MacKillop this week, 331 of them into Year 7. What a start! These new students have come from 47 different primary schools from Canberra, NSW, other states, and several students from overseas. A wide range of talents, interests, abilities, and backgrounds are represented and seemingly all of them have had a fantastic start.

On behalf of the entire MacKillop community it is a real pleasure to welcome the new students and their families into the fold.

Fifteen new teachers and support staff are also new to the school. Early, strategic recruitment of staff has ensured that the College has attracted rich experience and talent among the new teachers to the school.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

We welcome families and friends to join MacKillop at the Opening School Mass on Friday 22 February. It will take place at the Tuggeranong Basketball Stadium from 9.30am. All welcome!

Yours in St Mary MacKillop,

MICHAEL LEE
PRINCIPAL

PRINCIPAL'S PRAYER

Lord, behold us with Thy blessing
Once again assembled here;
Onward be our footsteps pressing
In Thy love, and faith, and cheer;
Still protect us
Still protect us
By Thy presence ever near

-Henry Buckoll
Psalms and Hymns for
the use of Rugby School
Chapel 1850

SCHOOL FEES

TERM 1 FEES & HOW TO PAY

Term 1 fees will be mailed out shortly. Fees are to be paid by 8 March 2013 unless paying by Direct Debit or other approved payment method.

The following methods of payment are available:

CASH OR CHEQUE

Cheque payments may be posted to the College and cash or cheque payments may be paid in person at both Isabella and Wanniasa Campus.

DIRECT DEBIT

Payment of School Fees by Direct Debit will require completion of the relevant paperwork. Please contact the Accounts office to set up your Direct Debit which can commence at any time through the year. All Direct Debits continue throughout the year, they do not suspend for the term holidays, unless upon request.

CREDIT CARD - MASTERCARD OR VISA

These payments can be made in person, over the telephone, or details can be provided at the bottom of your school fee statement.

EFTPOS

Eftpos is also available at the Front Office at both Isabella and Wanniasa Campus.

BPAY

Bpay is available at the College. Payments can be made through internet and telephone banking by quoting the Biller Code and Reference Number as recorded on your school fee statement. Please ensure you quote the correct Reference Number so payments can be processed to the correct account. For further information please contact the Accounts Office on 6209 0147.

*Michelle Predovan
Fees Manager*

SCHOOL FEES

ACT SECONDARY BURSARY SCHEME

The ACT Government's Secondary Bursary Scheme provides assistance to low income earners in the ACT with dependent full-time students.

Eligibility requirements and application forms are available online at <http://www.det.act.gov.au> and by following the links located at the top of the home page - School education/starting school/financial assistance for families.

For further information please ring the Bursary Administrator on 6205 9300.

Michelle Predovan, Fees Manager

SENIOR STUDIES

INTRODUCING THE SENIOR STUDIES COORDINATOR

My name is Colby Cruwys and as of 2013, I am the Senior Studies Coordinator. If your son or daughter is in Year 10, 11 or 12, or looking to pursue their senior studies at MacKillop, then I am likely to be a good contact for you.

My job is to help senior students (and their parents/guardians) change or understand any aspect of their studies. Whether they're working towards employment straight from MacKillop, further study at places like CIT/TAFE/AIE/University, or simply to achieve the best ATAR they can, I am here to help.

If your son or daughter is in Year 10, 11 or 12 in 2013, they will have received an introductory letter from me outlining some of the reasons they may need to see me, as well as my contact details. If, however, you haven't seen this letter or would like to speak with me regarding your son or daughter's progress (regardless of what year they may be in) please don't hesitate to contact me on:

P: 02 6209 0173

E: colby.cruwys@mackillop.act.edu.au

I look forward to working with all members of the MacKillop community; staff, students and parents alike to ensure each student achieves their full potential.

*Colby Cruwys
Senior Studies Coordinator*



THE BREAKFAST CLUB AT WANNIASSA

The College has offered a Breakfast Club three mornings per week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.15 to 8.40am for about four years. This is coordinated by Mr Gary Pickering, currently the Year 8 Coordinator.

St Mary MacKillop saw a need and did something about it and the Breakfast Club is a reflection of this virtue. Research has clearly shown that students that have breakfast study better and are more attentive in class at the beginning of the day. Naturally there are the nutritional benefits too. The Breakfast club is also a social environment held in the College canteen area where friends can meet up in the morning and even make new friends.

On Mondays we provide pies, sausage rolls, doughnuts and other pastries, all kindly donated by Brothers' Oven from Homeworld in Tuggeranong. This is in addition to toast with Vegemite or Jam. In the two warmer terms, fruit drinks are provided and in the cooler terms, hot Milo. All of this completely free and students of any year group are welcome.

If you deliver your son or daughter to the College in the morning, feel free to pop in and say hello - maybe have a piece of toast yourself!

Gary Pickering
Year 8 Coordinator

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR COLLEGE BOARD

Expressions of interest are sought to fill three vacancies on the St Mary MacKillop College Board. Additional information may be found at <http://www.mackillop.act.edu.au/Website/TheCollegeBoard/BoardNews.php>

Expressions of interest may be forwarded to the Principal's Secretary, Mrs Cindy Dean, at cindy.dean@mackillop.cg.catholic.edu.au by 20 February 2013.

FUNDRAISING PROGRAM WITH THE ATHLETE'S FOOT

There is a fundraising program for St Mary MacKillop College in place with The Athletes Foot.

Whenever MacKillop families purchase school shoes, sporting shoes or football boots from The Athlete's Foot they will automatically generate a \$5.00 donation back to the school. This applies for all shoe purchases by both students and staff and their families. Just remember to tell the Athlete's Foot that you are involved with MacKillop.

The fundraising is run by The Athlete's Foot and funds will be donated directly to the school once a year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO ASYLUM SEEKERS

You are warmly invited to a talk on the humanitarian issue of asylum seekers to be given at Mary Help of Christians Parish, South Woden, by Fr Frank Brennan.

Father Brennan is a Jesuit priest and lawyer and is professor of law at the Australian Catholic University. He is a prominent commentator on refugee and asylum issues.

Details: 7.30 pm, Monday 25 February, Mary Help of Christians church, Hodgson Cres, Pearce.

CANBERRA SCHOOL OF TENNIS OPEN DAY

Interested juniors, adults, and parents are invited to come and see the Canberra School of Tennis' coaching programs in action at The Pines Tennis Club on Saturday 16 February between 1:30-3:30pm. Book your place through csot@hotmail.com.au.

SACRAMENT ENROLMENT

Sacrament enrolment at Corpus Christi and St Thomas the Apostle parishes is taking place soon.

Corpus Christi information is available at: <http://www.ccp parish.org.au/web.php?sec=47>

St Thomas information is available at: <http://sttap.act.edu.au/notes/>

MARYMEAD EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Marymead is running the following courses for parents:

- Parenting skills for couples
- Accepting and valuing strong emotions (for men)
- Parenting skills for dads

These courses have different start dates throughout February and March.

For info, contact terry.norman@marymead.org.au.