

Important Dates & Events

JUN.
THURSDAY
07

- Athletics Carnival

JUN.
FRIDAY
08

- Staff Conference (Pupil-free day)

JUN.
MONDAY
11

- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

JUN.
TUESDAY
12

- Year 10 Exams commence

JUN.
MONDAY
18

- Senior Exams commence

JUN.
MONDAY
25

- Year 12 AST Trial
- Senior Work Placements commence

JUN.
TUESDAY
26

- Year 11 AST Trial

JUN.
WEDNESDAY
27

- Year 10 2013 Transition Day

See College Calendar for more dates

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"Lord, we pray that your love makes us more complete. Amen."

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Year 7 2013 Information Night

Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved with what was again a highly successful event for the College. From my point of view, it is such a privilege to have about 1500 people visit the College to find out more about us, to compare us to other schools, and to show genuine interest in the opportunity to have their children here.

Again, the stars of the show were Year 7 and Year 12 2012, who addressed the crowd, conducted tours, talked about curriculum, and were impressive and reassuring. Well over 70 Year 12 students gave up part time employment, sporting commitments, study, and commitment to families to be part of the event; this is typical of the generosity of the year group.

The staff magnificently presented their subject area in engaging and stimulating ways and showed off the new facilities of the College to their best advantage.

I think the MacKillop community is rightly proud of what we have here at our school. Strong bonds of friendship, relationships of mutual respect, students with high self-esteem that comes from knowing that their school values them and holds them in affection, and high-quality teaching are what MacKillop is all about. Our students like coming to school and willingly tell anyone who listens that this is a great place to be.

The College has slightly reduced its promotions budget this year and is keen to rely more on the positive word of mouth by members of our community promoting the school more broadly. Already I have conducted about 50 enrolment interviews for Year 7, and the key point of interest of the prospective families is that they know people here who are happy and successful.

Thank you to everybody who speaks well of the school and helps to ensure that this school is recognised as a place of quality learning, Catholic values and ethos, and which is welcoming of anyone wishing to join us.

Should you have a child already in the school and wish to enrol another into Year 7 for 2013, please get your Application for Enrolment Form to the College by Friday 25 May. In past years, late applications have not been able to be considered and have gone to a waiting list. Please ensure that this unfortunate disappointment is avoided this time.

Year 11 2013

Parents and students who are considering options for their children are warmly encouraged to make an appointment to see the Principal Michael Lee, Deputy Principal Michelle Marks, or Campus Head Sandra Darley, to talk over issues about which we may be able to help.

The senior years at MacKillop are valuable ones indeed, and the College is keen to see a seamless transition from Year 10 into Year 11. Last night we held our Year 11 2013 Information Night where students were able to look at the courses they can study here at MacKillop next year.

Application for Enrolment Forms are to be returned to the College by no later than Friday 25 May.

Yours in St Mary MacKillop,



Mr Michael Lee
College Principal

School Fees

Fees are now due

Term 2 Fees are due to be paid by 18 May 2012 unless paying by Direct Debit or other approved method. If you would like more information regarding Direct Debit payments or have any queries regarding your fees, please contact the Fees Office.

Michelle Predovan, Fees Manager

Pastoral News

Winter Uniform

Thank you to both students and parents who have been organised to commence Term 2 in winter uniforms. It is great to see so many students take pride in their appearance and wear their uniform the way it is expected to be worn. Parents are reminded that the details of uniform requirements are published on the College Website and on Pages 12 and 13 of the Student Diary.

Please note that if there are circumstances that prevent students from wearing the correct uniform, they are required to bring a signed note from their parents to explain the situation. They need to present this to their Pastoral Care Coordinator during PC time each morning to obtain a uniform pass. The full MacKillop uniform is also to be worn to and from school each day.

ACTION School Bus Services

The following ACTION school bus services have had changes made to their operation that will come into effect from 28 May 2012. These changes are being made due to operational requirements. The altered MacKillop school services are:

Isabella Campus

- 856 - Time/description change. Starts 13 minutes later
- 858 - Time/description change. Starts 12 minutes earlier
- 670 - Description change

Wanniassa Campus

- 660 - Time/description change. Starts 14 minutes earlier. For Gordon West
- 665 - Time/description change. Starts 3 minutes earlier
- 671 - New service. For Gordon East
- 852 - Time change. Starts 14 minutes earlier
- 856 - Time/description change. Starts 13 minutes later
- 858 - Time/description change. Starts 12 minutes earlier
- 670 - Description change

Students and parents are advised to check ACTION's website for further information about any time or route description changes.

Lachlan McNicol
Assistant Principal Pastoral Care (Wanniassa)

Future Stars

Congratulations!

Lachlan Brear, Jordan Coffey and Lachlan Siedel (all Year 7) have been selected to represent the ACT at the National Little League Championships (baseball) on the Gold Coast later this month.

Thomas Seaman (Year 7) has been selected in the U12 ACT Indoor Cricket Team to compete at the Australian Junior Indoor Cricket Championships in Brisbane in July.

Bianka Rose (Year 11), Bianca Collicutt, Georgia Evans (both Year 9) and Melanie O'Mara (Year 8) have been selected to represent the ACT in gymnastics at the Nationals this month.

MacKillop News

Project Compassion

Caritas Australia's Project Compassion is one of the largest humanitarian fundraising campaigns in Australia. Now in its 47th year, its ongoing success is thanks to the generosity of supporters like MacKillop. Together we are ensuring the voices of the poor are heard loud and clear.

In 2012, Project Compassion carries a simple, yet insightful message: "If you want Peace, work for Justice" – Pope Paul VI. This message of hope remains as powerful as ever. Project Compassion runs during Lent each year. At MacKillop, we ask students and staff to help raise money and offer hope to the millions who fight for justice, peace and survival every day.

I am delighted to announce that St Mary MacKillop College has raised \$8,480.45 to pass onto Caritas Australia and on behalf of Caritas I thank everyone for their generosity.

Helen Maybin, REC (acting) - Wanniasa

ANZAC Assembly at Wanniasa

This year's ANZAC assembly at the junior campus provided an occasion for quiet and moving reflections on the nature of war beginning as Siegfried Sassoon's poem, "Have you forgotten yet?" followed Welcome to Country. Prayers and poems were read by the daughters of ADF personnel, some of whom are currently serving in Afghanistan, while the catafalque party and the slow march with wreath laying were provided by students who are also Air Force cadets.

Our visual presentation focused on the roles played by thousands of Australian women in wartime and the Principal, Michael Lee told the sad story of the Lone Pine at Gallipoli and how its seeds made their way back to Australia. The school now has trees grown from the Lone Pine's descendants. Serving ADF member and parent of one of our students, Major Daniel Hiscock of the Royal Military College Band, played Last Post and Reveille.

Elizabeth Woods, Defence Transition Mentor

Cyber Safety

Cyber Safety at MacKillop

In Term 2 as a part of the Pastoral Program in Year 7 to 9 students will be focussing on the theme of Safe Behaviours and Well-Being. An aspect of this will include a Cyber Safety presentation delivered by the Australian Federal Police. St Mary MacKillop College has a very positive relationship with the AFP and we work closely together to promote a safe and secure learning environment for our students.

Year 9 students had their presentation last week. The presentation for Year 7 and Year 8 will also be delivered through the AFP by their Crime Prevention, High Tech Crime Operations and will take place on the following dates:

Year 8 – June 6

Year 7 – July 4

These presentations cover aspects such as the law, protecting your reputation, cyber bullying, use of social media and mobile phones.

Information for Parents

Keeping kids safe in a cyber world is now a significant issue. Parents should use the same offline preventative strategies to maximise their children's online safety that they have always used. These strategies include: teaching children about the right way to behave online; don't let them spend all night in the cyber world; and ask questions about what they are doing and where they go online.

The more parents know about cyber safety, the more empowered they are to protect their children. Below are two sources of information that parents may find useful.

A short video, "How Cybersmart are you?" has been released by Cybersmart. The video is designed to help parents navigate through the online world of their teenagers and provides methods on how to protect their children from potential online risks. The 5 min video contains up to date statistics, explains online risks for children and more importantly, the best strategies for parents to keep their children safe online.

The below article comes from telstra.com.au/cyber-safety:

Parents urged to remember cyber-safety

Aussie school kids are more connected than ever with new Telstra research revealing four in five parents will send their kids to school this year with an internet connected device. Telstra's Cyber-Safety survey of Australian parents with children aged 10 to 17 revealed almost eight in 10 children own a mobile by the time they are 13 and seven in 10 will take one to school this year.

The research also found that while school bags are increasingly packed with internet connected gadgets including mobiles, laptops and tablets, nine in 10 parents have concerns about

cyber-safety risks such as approaches from online strangers and cyber bullying.

Telstra's Officer of Internet Trust & Safety, Darren Kane, said it was important for parents to equip children with the skills required to use new technology safely as they pack their gadget-filled bags for the new school year.

"Our research found that parents' cyber safety concerns don't necessarily motivate them to prepare their kids for the digital schoolyard. Almost half of parents (45 per cent) admitted they haven't spoken to their children recently about how to handle approaches from cyber bullies and more than a third (37 per cent) haven't spoken to them about how to respond if a stranger approaches them online.

The Telstra research also revealed:

- While mobile phones and laptops are the most popular devices to take to class, one in three are returning to school with a Smartphone, while six per cent will take a tablet to school this year.
- Unsolicited contact by strangers is the single greatest cyber-safety concern among parents (with 34 per cent citing it as their top concern) followed by cyber bullying (15.3%) and unsupervised access to information (14.7%)
- 31 per cent of parents haven't spoken to their children recently about how to protect personal information like photos, address details and passwords when online while 42 per cent of parents haven't spoken to their kids about who they should share their mobile number with.

Lachlan McNicol

Assistant Principal Pastoral Care (Wanniassa)

Achievement

Merit Certificates

Allen Asheden (7F2), Keenan Beattie (7F2), Sean Beudeker (7F2), Stephanie Binos (7F2), Lara Bizjak x2 (7F2), Lachlan Burgess (7F2), Jaidyn Cartledge x2 (7F2), Corban Connell (7F2), Bradley Crowe x3 (7F2), Sarah Cunneen (7F2), Rachael Dean (7F2), Daniel deSmet (7F2), Caitlin Gattuso (7F2), Tyler Jonson (7F2), Monique Kane (7F2), Jazmin Lam (7F2), Tara Maybin (7F2), Tylar McKenzie (7F2), Brittany Millar (7F2), Veronica Prostimio (7F2), Rebecca Robinson (7F2), Benjamin Schmidt (7F2), Trent Shean (7F2), Celine Suraci (7F2), Jack Wright (7F2), Natasha Johnston (7F3), Aiden Meade (8W6), Aman Chopra (7W2), Chloe Simmons (7W3), Natasha Johnston (7W3), Phoenix Crowther (7W3), Retesh Gounder x2 (7EW), Imogen Craig (7EW), Molly Gregory x2 (7EW), Tara Coyle (7EW), Bridget Fallshaw (7W3), Toemii Lavender (7E2), Hayley Simpson (8E5), Cory McInnes (7E1), Paula O'Sullivan (7E1), Bree Boland (7E1), Brendan Blakers x2 (7E3), Taylah Sjiell x2 (7E3), Hayley Redman x2 (7E3), Breanna Andrew (7E3), Bethany-Ann Barclay (7E3), Chloe Barrett (7E3), Grace Bascunan (7E3), Sophie Bui (7E3), Thomas Dickson (7E3), Amberley Elliott x2 (7E3), Jessica Heffernan (7E3), Monique Henderson (7E3), Cara Lehr (7E3), Claire Luck-Cameron (7E3), Matthew MacDonald (7E3), Sian Mustard (7E3), Zoe Nardi (7E3), Sydney Oakman (7E3), Benjamin Parson x2 (7E3), Thomas Seaman (7E3), Brooke Simpson x2 (7E3), Austin White x2(7E3), Kobi Kiraly (7E2), Jessica Bui (7E2), Jayden Bennett (7EW), Katrina White (8A6), Ryan Walls (7A3), Thomas Cameron (7A3), Katherine Thomas x2 (7A3), Brody Gibbons (7A3), Sophie Dunn (7A3), Timothy Blewett (7A3), Ryan Walls (7A3), Nicolle Tonna (7A3), Tealiah Haines-Willis x2 (7A3), Ryan Walls (7A3), Emily Zaja (7A3), Jasmine Hruza (7A2), Jade Ewart (7A2), Olivia Ehlers (7A2).

EXAMINATION TIMETABLE YEAR 10 (Semester 1, 2012)

Tuesday 12 June 2012	Period 1-2	English
Tuesday 12 June 2012	Period 3-4	Science
Wednesday 13 June 2012	Period 1-2	Mathematics
Wednesday 13 June 2012	Period 3-4	History

- When there are no exams scheduled all students have normal classes
- Exams not listed are scheduled in normal class time

EXAMINATION TIMETABLE YEAR 11 AND 12 (Semester 1, 2012)

JUNE	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
Monday 18 June		
Morning (9.00)	Legal Studies A/T	Information Technology T DM
	English A	English A
Afternoon (1.15)	Psychology A/T	History A/T
	Geography A/T	Geography A/T
Tuesday 19 June		
Morning	Biology T	Maths Applications T
		Maths Methods T
		Maths Specialist Major T
Afternoon	Religious Studies A	Religious Studies A
		Chemistry T
Wednesday 20 June		
Morning	Religious Study T	Religious Study T DM (2 Students)
		Biology A/T
		Physics T
Afternoon	Maths Applications T	Information Technology A/T
	Maths Methods T	Sociology A/T
	Maths Specialist Major T	Human Movement T
Thursday 21 June		
Morning	Business Study A/T	Specialist Mathematics Extension T
	Religious Study T DM (1 Student)	Religious Study T
	Chemistry T	
Afternoon	Information Technology A/T	Business Study A/T
	Psychology T DM (1 Student)	Psychology A/T
	History A/T	
	Social and Community Work A	
Friday 22 June		
Morning	Information Technology T DM	Social and Community Work A
	Specialist Maths Extension T	Legal Studies A/T
	Human Movement T	
Afternoon	Holistic Music A/T	Holistic Music A/T
	Economics T	Economics T
	Sociology A/T	
	Physics T	

Please note:

- Some courses do not have a final examination.
- All students will receive a personalised examination timetable indicating session start and finish time and locations.
- Enquires should be directed to Mrs Lyn Regan (62090107).

Wishing students all the best as they prepare for and sit their examinations

Michelle Marks

Deputy Principal, Curriculum