

Important Dates & Events

JUL.
MONDAY

23

- Term 3 begins

JUL.
WEDNESDAY

25

- Coffee, Cake & Catwalk

AUG.
WEDNESDAY

01

- Year 12 Retreat commences

AUG.
MONDAY

06

- Year 7 Camp (1st group) commences
- PISA Testing

AUG.
WEDNESDAY

08

- Year 7 Camp (2nd group) commences

AUG.
MONDAY

13

- Biology Olympiad

AUG.
WEDNESDAY

15

- Physics Olympiad

AUG.
THURSDAY

16

- Moderation Day (pupil-free day)
- Year 11 AST Trial

"Lord, We pray for the safety of the families of St Mary MacKillop College as they head into the July School Holiday period. Amen."

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Staffing Matters

On Monday we welcomed the return of Ms Darley from her stint of Long Service Leave. She looked well rested and glad to be back. Special thanks to Mrs Barbara Morris who proved an excellent substitute in Ms Darley's absence.

We farewelled Mrs Kate Gervinck who has commenced maternity leave and Ms Victoria D'Alton who has accepted a position at Radford College commencing in Term 3. Ms D'Alton has taught iHum, SOSE and History on the Wanniasa campus for the past two years and more recently has been a most competent replacement as Pastoral Care Coordinator while Mr Ben Antoniak has been on sick leave.

All at MacKillop wish Kate and Victoria every best wish in the next stage of their life journey.

Course Counseling and Interviews

Year 10 students on the Isabella campus have been involved in course counseling prior to them selecting Courses of study for Years 11 and 12. A successful parent information night was held on Monday evening where the parents discovered the difference between tertiary and accredited packages, the types of course on offer for senior students and the processes involved in successfully navigating the senior years of schooling.

MBA Awards

The ACT Master Builders Association Awards were announced at a gala dinner last Friday evening. The Wanniasa library was entered in the "Renovations and refurbishments over \$5 million dollars" Category and unfortunately did not win an award but our builders TPC won three awards for work at St Monica's Evatt, Holy trinity Curtin and Southern Cross Homes. It's comforting to know that our Science laboratory refurbishment at Wanniasa is in such skilled hands. Congratulations to a great team!

Have a safe holiday break!

School holidays for Years 7-10 commence this Friday with classes resuming on Monday July 23. Staff are in the process of adding the finishing touches to end of semester reports which will be mailed out to families early next week.

I take this opportunity on Mr Lee's behalf to wish all our students and their families a safe and happy holiday and to thank them for their efforts this term, which has had many highlights.

I also extend my thanks and best wishes to all members of the College staff who again have worked exceptionally hard this term and are due for a well earned holiday. I encourage them to enjoy the time with their families and loved ones who make many sacrifices in terms of time, to enable our staff to do the wonderful job they do.

We look forward to Mr. Lees return in Term 3.

Yours in St Mary MacKillop,



Mr Paul O'Callaghan
Acting Principal

See College Calendar for more dates

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School Fees

Fees are now overdue

Fees for Term 2 should now be finalised unless paying by Direct Debit or other approved arrangement. Any outstanding fees should be paid immediately. If you require more information regarding Direct Debit arrangements or other approved payment methods or are experiencing difficulty paying the fees please contact the Fees Office on 6209 0147.

The 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

The ANU Secondary College

The ANU Secondary College has begun the process of preparing for 2013 enrolments into its courses. The College offers extension courses for students in Years 11 and 12 in Chemistry, Conservation Biology, Japanese, Specialist Mathematics, and Physics.

Year 10 students will be able to apply directly to the ANU Secondary College after the Information Evening at the ANU Manning Clark Lecture Theatre on Tuesday 4 September from 6.30-7.30pm. Please put this date in your diaries if you are interested.

For more information, please see the Teaching and Learning Coordinator or Deputy Principal Curriculum.

*Michelle Marks
Deputy Principal Curriculum*

Merit Certificates

GURABANG: Rhiannon East (7E1).

MEUP MEUP: Kirsten Jurgens (7F1), Gabrielle Knox (7F1).

MINDYGARI: Sophie Price (7A2), Lachlan Murray (7A2), Kobi Kiraly (7A2), Elijah Fraser (7A2), Ben Williams (7A2).

NGADYUNG: Nicholas Ostojic (7W2), Nathan Nemec (7W2), Katelyn Pollard (7W1), Felicity Spratford (7W1), Amy Daniel (7W1).

Future Stars

Congratulations!

Nicola Williams (Year 7) will represent the ACT in Cross Country in Adelaide this August.

Taylah Grady (Year 9) has been selected for the ACT Girls AFL team that will compete in Adelaide later this month.

Sam Zaja (Year 12) will head to Brisbane at the end of the month to play cricket for the ACT.

Sophia Arcus (Year 7) has been selected for the ACT Hockey team that will compete in Adelaide next month.

News & Events

Coffee, Cake, & Catwalk

MacKillop warmly invites you to Coffee, Cake and Catwalk. This evening will showcase the work from Fashion and Textiles students in Years 8 - 12. Parents and friends are welcome to enjoy tea, coffee and light refreshments provided by senior hospitality students prior to the parade in Café Bella. The event takes place on 25 July from 6pm, in F Block at Isabella.

Wanniassa IRC News

Elsa Huber (7EW) won a Manga drawing competition in the online magazine, Spine Out (entry to the right).

Each assembly this term and for the rest of the year, the Wanniassa IRC will be giving out a book for the National Year of Reading. The winners so far are: Geremia Scerri (7A3), Eleanor Spratt (7E2), Lumiere de Leeuwe (8W5), and Corey Banks (9F8).



Community News

Jazzercise

Classes are held in Chisholm, Tuggeranong, and Pearce. For information, call 0414 290 208 or visit www.jazzercise.com.au

Piano lessons for beginners

Learn piano from a teacher with 10 years experience. Call Christina on 0401 577 296 for more information.

The lion, the witch, and the wardrobe

Performed in the school holidays at the Belconnen Community Centre. Tickets available at www.canberrarep.org.au.