

### Important Dates & Events

AUG.  
MONDAY

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

AUG.  
WEDNESDAY

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- Year 7 Camp (2nd group) begins
- Blessing of Wanniasa Chapel

AUG.  
THURSDAY

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

AUG.  
MONDAY

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- Year 9 Immunisations

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TUESDAY

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- Year 9 Immunisations

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WEDNESDAY

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- College Musical

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THURSDAY

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- College Musical

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FRIDAY

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- College Musical

"Lord, we pray for the Year 12 Class at MacKillop as they embark upon their final Retreat. May it bring them closer to each other, and to God. Amen."

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

#### Thank you Mr Paul O'Callaghan

Thank you to Mr Paul O'Callaghan who acted as principal over the past three weeks whilst I was on long service leave in Europe. His experience, talent, and deft hand ensured all was well upon my return.

#### Overseas Activities

Whilst on long service leave I did manage to attend a conference in Istanbul where I participated in the presentation of a paper on our relationship with the Australian Catholic University. This exciting innovation of MacKillop's was well received and has sparked a number of enquiries. The strength of the Secondary Dip Ed program at MacKillop can only be a good thing for any school these graduates go to at the beginning of their career.

I was also delighted to visit St Peter's High School in Gloucestershire and to meet with Bishop Peter Holland in London who is head of an Anglican corporation that runs a number of secondary schools throughout London and elsewhere in the UK.

#### ACT Territory Election 2012

In the lead up to the Territory Election the College will welcome any candidate to the school who is showing interest in a low fee charging Catholic school like ours. There is a direct link between Commonwealth and Territory funding and the cost of our fees, quality of our teachers and resources, and the outcomes our students achieve.

Political parties would ignore the parents, teachers, and students of MacKillop, and schools like us, at their peril.


#### Year 12 Retreat 2012

All the best to Year 12 for the success of their Retreat this week. A splendid group of young women and men who will emerge much stronger and richer from this memorable week. I was very fortunate to spend the Wednesday evening with them.

#### The College Musical: Seussical

Tickets for this Dr Seuss Musical go on sale next week and will be available from the front office at each campus. Those of you lucky enough to get to Variety Night would have seen a sneak preview of the Musical - I've been told that it's going to be a splendid show. I hope to see you there!

Yours in St Mary MacKillop,



**Mr Michael Lee**  
College Principal

See College Calendar for more dates

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# School Fees

## Fees are now due

Term 3 Fees are due to be paid by 10 August 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*

# Academic News

## Years 8/9/10 2013 Electives Evening

The College will conduct an information evening to assist students in selection of electives for 2013 on Monday 13 August at the Wanniasa Library from 4.30 – 6.00pm.

## University Information Evening

Students who are planning to enter University in 2013 are invited to attend an information evening on Tuesday 14 August. UAC guides will be available for collection and the process of application to various Universities through UAC will be explained. A range of speakers from several universities will be available to answer questions. The evening will commence at 5.30 in F Block at the Isabella campus.

## Year 11 AST Practice Tests - Moderation Day

Year 11 Tertiary students who have indicated that they will be sitting the AST are reminded that they must attend the College for the next AST trial tests on Thursday 16 August. Students are expected to meet outside the gym no later than 9am. On this day we will be completing a full trial of Day 1 of the AST as follows:

Meet at 9:00 for Multiple Choice Test (9.30 – 11:45)

Lunch (12:00 – 12:45)

Meet at 12:45 for Short Response Test (1:15 – 3:00)

Students are required to bring the following items. Multiple Choice: Pencils (2B, B or HB), eraser, pencil sharpener, ID card. Short Response Test: Pens or biros, ruler (clean), ID card. They may also bring: Highlighter pens, dictionary in book form without a thesaurus (any language or bi-lingual), clear, unlabelled bottle of water. Students may NOT bring any other item especially: mobile phones, calculators of any kind, electronic devices (eg iPod), thesaurus, dictionaries with additional features, electronic dictionary of any kind, scanner pens, whiteout or equivalent, pens or biros (to Multiple Choice Test), bags or handbags, hats, food, etc.

We hope to provide students with a realistic experience of the day in order to ensure that they are confident in their preparation for the AST in Year 12.

## Year 12 AST Workshops

Students are reminded that as part of the planned student preparation for the ACT Australian Scaling Test (AST), the College will be conducting four workshops. The purpose of the workshops is to give students the skills and practice to approach the AST with confidence. The College believes that preparation and practice for the AST is a valuable part of maximizing student potential. Therefore, all students are expected to attend each of the four scheduled workshops.

Workshops will commence in Week 3 and will run until Week 6, 8am until 8.45am each morning in C Block. Workshops will be conducted in small groups of approximately 10 students. Students should bring a pen and note pad and their green Student Information Booklet.

Week 3: Workshop 1 - Admin requirements, writing task

Week 4: Workshop 2 - Short response (qualitative)

Week 5: Workshop 3 - Short response (quantitative)

Week 6: Workshop 4 - Multiple choice

*Michelle da Roza, Teaching & Learning Coordinator  
& Marlene Jorgensen, Deputy Principal Curriculum (Acting)*

# News & Events

## ACTION school bus service 670

ACTION have advised of a change in times to the School Service Bus 670 of an afternoon that collects students from both campuses. The service to Monash, Isabella Plains, Calwell and Theodore, will from 6 August be commencing 5 minutes later from the Wanniasa Campus at 3.30pm. It will not terminate at Dugan St/Outtrim Ave until 10 minutes later at 4.10pm.

## Vocational Student Prize winners

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2011 Australian Vocational Student Prize, which were announced last month. Sean Hock and Kimberley Budgen (last year 12) both won the award, which recognises the achievements of students who completed their senior secondary studies while undertaking a vocational education and training in schools program or an Australian School-based Apprenticeship.

# Future Stars

## Congratulations!

Tom Makin (9A9) won first place in a fencing competition sponsored by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela recently, representing Engarde at Mackillop in the under 15 division. The weekend before he competed in Sydney at the National Championships, where he represented the ACT. Tom is currently the ACT under 15 Champion and the ACT Novice champion.

# Laptop Program

## Returning Laptops

If your son or daughter has been issued with a laptop it is essential that when they leave the College their laptop, bag and charger are returned to IT Support. There is an IT Support office located in the IRC at both campuses. A receipt will be provided indicating the equipment has been returned and identifying any repairs that may be required. Laptops should not be handed to any other member of the College staff (teacher, coordinator, front office staff) other than IT Support. Parents will be billed for laptops that are not returned, the IT Support receipt is the only proof of return we will accept.

*Ruth Walton, ICT Manager*

## Achievement

# Merit Certificates

**GURABANG:** Rhiannon East (7E1), Paula O'Sullivan (7E1), Liam Jackson (7E1), Tori Elphick (7E2).

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

**MINDYGARI:** Sophie Price (7A2), Lachlan Murray (7A2), Kobi Kiraly (7A2), Elijah Fraser (7A2), Ben Williams (7A2), Jasmine Hruza x2 (7A2), Kearley Waterson (7A2), Taylah Parr x2 (7A2), Olivia Ehlers (7A2), Andrew Kennedy (7A2).

**NGADYUNG:** Nicholas Ostojic (7W2), Nathan Nemec (7W2), Katelyn Pollard (7W1), Felicity Spratford (7W1), Amy Daniel (7W1), Rachael Cooper (7W2), Sophia Arcus (7W2), Kasey Corby (7W2).

# Community News

## Try Scouts

You are invited to Come & Try Scouts for a FREE 3 week trial! What will you get from scouts? Friendship, confidence building, life skills, adventure, challenges, responsible risk taking, leadership, fun, and much more... Call 1800 SCOUTS or visit [www.act.scouts.asn.au](http://www.act.scouts.asn.au) to find your local Scout Group.

## South Canberra Youth Wind Orchestra

The South Canberra Youth Wind Orchestra is a community band, run by youth for youth, which encourages fun while making music! The band is looking for new members.

Rehearsals run on Tuesday nights from 7pm at the Weston Creek Uniting Church. A cost of \$50 per semester covers hall hire and insurance. For more information, call Jane on 0421 570 015 or Annelies on 0418 662 582 or visit [www.scywo.org.au](http://www.scywo.org.au).

## Piano lessons for beginners

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

## National self-detection program for Scoliosis

Scoliosis (spinal curvature) is an important health problem for adolescent girls and 25 per thousand are at risk of developing a significant curve. Three girls per thousand require active treatment (spinal brace or surgery). Because in the early stages the condition is most often asymptomatic, screening in the age range 11-13 years is a sound preventative health measure. When school screening for scoliosis was abandoned the Spine Society of Australia introduced the self-detection program as a practical alternative.

July and August are the months when parents of girls in Years 7-9 are encouraged to download the Self-Detection Brochure and participate in the self-detection program. The website is [www.scoliosis-australia.org/scoliosis/self\\_detection\\_prog.html](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org/scoliosis/self_detection_prog.html).

## Coerver Coaching trials

The Coerver Coaching Performance Academy is for boys and girls aged 6-16. If you are serious about football (soccer) try out for the Coerver Coaching Performance Academy on Sunday 26 August at the AIS Synthetic Field. For more information and an application form, visit [www.coerveract.com](http://www.coerveract.com).

## G'day USA Cultural Exchange

An opportunity exists for students at MacKillop to take part in a Cultural Exchange trip to the USA for twenty days in the January 2014 school holidays. Destinations include: Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco. A feature of the tour is that the students spend ten days living with an American host family and visit an American school. Please collect a brochure from student reception or contact Education World Travel on 1800 337 930 for more info.

