

Important Dates & Events

"Lord, we give thanks for the rich role the performing arts play in our lives. Amen."

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

The College Musical

Congratulations to Mr Tony Lazzarato, his team, and all the many students who were involved in this year's musical, 'Seussical'. This year was as good as I've seen in the past five years and they have all been good.

The production was a sell out (always a good sign) and marked by a huge range of students involved, clarity of lines, tremendous colour, excellent casting, and, above all, an unrelenting energy. Everybody was really impressed!

The annual production is always about participation and quality at MacKillop; to give as many students as possible the chance to be involved in a range of skills and acting, often new to them. I am grateful again this year that staff and students worked to ensure that the musical was a rich experience of the cast, production crew, and the audience – typical MacKillop!

Minister Dr Chris Bourke visits MacKillop

Thank you to the ACT Education Minister and his Chief of Staff, Margaret Watts, for their flying visit to MacKillop's Isabella Campus on Tuesday. In an hour, Dr Bourke managed to talk to Year 11, tour the Trade Training Centre, meet lots of teachers and students, and discuss issues such as funding, students with disabilities, vocational education, and partnerships.

All of us were impressed with his warm, easy manner, his engagement with the students, and his genuine interest in the program at the College.

St Joseph's College, Port Lincoln visit

In some places parents are considered to be problematic for schools – not at MacKillop! Sixty-five MacKillop families very generously billeted seventy-five Year 10 students from Port Lincoln, on the South Australian West Coast, quite remote from Adelaide.

The generosity for a whole week allowed those students to enjoy a visit to Canberra at a much more affordable price and gave them a wonderful sense of belonging to a wider MacKillop community.

The communities of MacKillop and St Joseph's owe you a considerable debt. Thank you! And thank you to Mrs Barbara Morris, our Year 10 Coordinator (new to MacKillop herself), for organising this event at a demanding time of the year.

Yours in St Mary MacKillop,



Mr Michael Lee
College Principal



Dr Bourke visit

SEPT.
MONDAY

03

- Year 12 Lunch

SEPT.
TUESDAY

04

- Year 12 AST Sessions 1 & 2

SEPT.
WEDNESDAY

05

- Year 12 AST Session 3

SEPT.
FRIDAY

14

- MacKillop Day Mass & Celebrations

SEPT.
FRIDAY

21

- Year 10 Spring Zing

SEPT.
TUESDAY

25

- 4-7pm: Parent/Teacher Interviews (Wanniassa)

SEPT.
THURSDAY

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- 4-7pm: Parent/Teacher Interviews (Isabella)

SEPT.
FRIDAY

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- Last day of Term 3

See College Calendar for more dates

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School Fees

Fees are now overdue

Fees for Term 3 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.

Michelle Predovan, Fees Manager

MacKillop News

MacKillop Students place in History!

Students from MacKillop competed in the inaugural 2012 Australian History Competition during Term 2. Approximately 86 students from Year 10 at the College were among 14, 000 students Australia wide to have participated in this event. The Competition is run by the History Teachers Association of Australia and is proudly sponsored by Cambridge University Press publishing. For 2012 the Australian History Competition winners from St Mary MacKillop Catholic College were:

Distinction: Nathan Bizjak, Patrick Newton, Benjamin Murphy, Benjamin Warren, Joshua Rose;
Credit: Maryanne Schneider, Daniel White, Zachary Williams

MacKillop achieved a very high standard for 2012 in the Competition, with almost 50% of all students who participated achieving at an equivalent merit level or higher. The Distinction achievers were in the top 10 % of the nation and the Credit students in the top 20%. Of particular note was our top two students Nathan Bizjak and Patrick Newton who both scored identical marks of 91%.

Well done to all of those students who participated and special congratulations for our top two entrants.

Michael Batten, SOSE Coordinator (Isabella)

Future Stars

Congratulations to Morgan Rosin (Year 11) who represented the ACT at the National Cross Country Championships recently.

Operation Christmas Child

St Mary MacKillop College has been involved in Operation Christmas Child, a unique project of Samaritan's Purse Organization, for the last few years. Once again the College Community is joining together to bring joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes. It provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple but hands-on project that has the power to transform children's lives.

We need to fill each shoe box with one or more items from each 'something':

- SOMETHING TO LOVE: Teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.
- SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL: Exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.
- SOMETHING TO WEAR: T-shirt, shorts, underwear, cap, beanie, sandals, thongs, etc.
- SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH: Tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind up torch, etc. (No battery operated items)*
- SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE: Soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair-clips, scrunchies, etc
- SOMETHING SPECIAL: Carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kits, stickers, note or photo of yourself.
- A FINANCIAL DONATION: To cover postage and handling

Unfortunately there are some items we can't send, such as:

- ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT: including toothpaste, shampoo, bubbles, plasticine/play dough and batteries
- FOOD OR LOLLIES OF ANY KIND: including medicines and vitamins
- ANY USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS: including worn clothing and old toys
- ANY BREAKABLE ITEMS: including glass, porcelain and mirrors
- ANY ITEM THAT CAN SCARE OR HARM A CHILD: including knives, war-related toys and toy guns
- ANY GAMBLING-RELATED ITEMS: including play money, playing cards and dominoes
- ANYTHING OF A RELIGIOUS, RACIAL OR POLITICAL NATURE

The challenge is for every PC should be able to completely fill at least 3 shoeboxes. The College routinely creates over 100 shoeboxes. I'm sure we can do better this year. At the Isabella Campus, please give financial donations, individual items or completed shoeboxes to students from 10W1 who will be coming around to collect items or bring them to Mr Michael Batten, the SOSE Coordinator. At the Wanniasa Campus all items are to be taken to Helen Maybin, the RE Coordinator at the Humanities staffroom.

Thank you for the great charity and global spirit of the St Mary MacKillop College Community.

Michael Batten, SOSE Coordinator (Isabella)

Merit Certificates

GURABANG: Tamara Alexander-Tulley (7E1), Nicholas Morrissey (7E1), Cory McInnes (7E1), Chloe Hull (7E2), Owen Sasso (7E2), Josie Martin (7E1), Kate Bignell (7E1).

MINDYGARI: Zach Cossettini (7A3), Timothy Fraser (7A2), Jamie Weber (8A5).

NGADYUNG: Rebecca Stoddart (7W3), Matthew Purcell (7W3), Eliza Goddard (7W3), Ebony Johnson-Torr (7W3), Jarrod Bowen (7W3), Meghan Layton (7W3), Brittany Landon (7W1), Amy Daniel x4 (7W1), Adam Crowther (7W1), Rebecca Cross (7W1), Samantha Stinziani (7W1), Samuel McDonough x3 (7W1), Mickalya Page x2 (9W7).

Art Competition

St Mary MacKillop Art Competition

Mackillop will once again hold an Art Competition to coincide with its Feast Day celebrations on Friday 14 September. The theme this year is "Courage". It is open to all students and can be a painting, drawing, sculpture, print, photo, computer graphic, or collage.

Entries are due by Thursday 6 September and can be given to any Art staff member at your campus. A panel made up of the Art Coordinator, RE Coordinator and Principal will judge the winning entries.

Prizes for a range of different categories will consist of Eckersley's gift vouchers and the overall winner will also have their artwork displayed at the College and will receive a year's membership to the National Gallery of Australia.

Tamara Murdoch, Visual Arts Coordinator

Science News



The Science Traveling Show

On Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 August, 13 budding professors along with Professor Argall, Burt and Dirago went along to five different primary schools including St Clare of Assisi, St Francis of Assisi, St John Vianney, St Anthony's and Holy family. These days were held to support the National Science week Campaign. The theme we focused on was gas. We represented gas by a range of different experiments. The experiments included blowing up a balloon in a plastic bottle, two of the bottles had small holes, one medium hole, one large hole and the other had none at all. We also experimented with dry ice, demonstrating how dry ice had no liquid form and when it dissolved it turned straight into a gas form of carbon dioxide. We showed this by putting dry ice into a balloon and then putting a drop of water to help the dry ice dissolve, ultimately blowing up the balloon. Not only were the experiments super educational they were super fun for everyone involved.

Courtney Pitson and Adriana Rajic, Year 9

Community News

Little Athletics - be your best

Do you like to run? Jump? Throw? Then Little Athletics is the place for you! Little Athletics is for boys & girls ages 5 - 16. Registration will take place on 8 and 22 September between 9am - 12.30pm at Kambah Oval 3 - Kett Street, Kambah. Or register online - www.tlaa.org.au.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend for married couples takes place over 19 - 21 October at Winbourne, Edmond Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa (nr Penrith) NSW. To book, call 02 4283 3435 or visit www.wwme.org.au for more information.

Vikings Junior Squash Club

Viking's Junior Squash Club is looking for new players (up to age 19). Squash is a fun game and is in doors protected from hot, cold and wet weather. Practice and coaching for juniors is at Active Leisure Center on Sunday afternoons from 2pm (cost \$7) and Wednesday afternoons from 4pm (cost \$6) with qualified coaches to help you learn. The first week is FREE! Equipment is available for loan from the club. For more information, phone Karen Gauntlett on 62918834.

Calwell Community Day

Calwell Shopping Centre welcomes you to come and celebrate South Tuggeranong's annual Calwell Community Day on 15 September, 9am-2pm. Events include: Face Painting, ACT Brumbies, Jumping Castle, Kenny Koala, Fresh Funk, D.C. Crew, Elvis live, WIN TV's Rob Pazevanos Fishing Show, cake and cupcake stalls, sausage sizzles, mini markets, clothing stalls, ACT Fire Brigade and ACT Police cars on display, ACT Vietnam Veterans Harley Davidson's show, ACT mobile Library, Lifeline mini book fair, Art Show, ACT Scouts, quilt stalls, and many charity stalls.

There will also be an Apple iPad giveaway. Free community or small business stalls are available - email Nick on nicktsoulias@hotmail.com.

College Musical



Funding ACT Catholic Schools

ACT ELECTION

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The ACT Legislative Assembly Elections will be held on 20 October 2012.

The Catholic Education Commission will be seeking a commitment from all political parties and candidates to secure an increase in ACT government funding for Catholic schools in the ACT.

The Facts

- Catholic Schools have been providing a quality education for ACT children since 1928.
- Catholic schools educate more than 17,000 children in 30 schools across the Territory.
- A higher percentage of families choose Catholic schools in the ACT than anywhere else in Australia.
- On average, parents of a child in an ACT Catholic school pay the highest fees of any state/territory except South Australia.
- For each dollar of territory government funding going to a student in an ACT government school a student in a Catholic school receives just 17cents.*
- By choosing a Catholic school parents and students in Catholic schools save the ACT taxpayer more than \$152 million per year.

What We Need

- A funding commitment from all political parties and candidates that provides greater equity, certainty and choice into the future.
- An increase in funding that allows our schools to continue to support families by keeping tuition fees at a modest level.
- A commitment to progressively increase recurrent funding to 25% of the average cost of educating a student in an ACT Government school.
- An annual 'cost of living' increase in funding for Catholic schools proportionate to increases in ACT Government schools.
- A commitment to provide per capita funding support for preschool students in ACT Catholic schools equivalent to 50% of per capita funding provided for ACT Catholic school students in Kindergarten to Year 3.

*ACARA MySchool Website, February 2012

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