

## Important Dates & Events

NOV.  
THURSDAY

15

- Year 10 Exams

NOV.  
TUESDAY

20

- Year 12 Breakfast and Farewell Assembly

NOV.  
WEDNESDAY

15

- Senior Exams commence

NOV.  
TUESDAY

27

- Final day of Senior Exams

NOV.  
THURSDAY

29

- Year 10 Grad Practice

NOV.  
FRIDAY

30

- Year 10 Picnic Day
- Year 12 Grad Practice

DEC.  
FRIDAY

07

- Year 12 Graduation Mass
- Year 12 Formal

DEC.  
MONDAY

10

- Year 10 Mass & Presentation

"Lord, we give thanks for our democracy; its institutions, its servants, and its assurance that our voice is heard. Amen"

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

### A New Board Chair

Congratulations to Mr Denis O'Connor who was elected the new Chair of the College Board in September.

Denis has given nine years service to the Board and has been extraordinarily active in the area of teacher selection, representing the College in Archdiocesan bodies such as the Catholic Education Commission and with policy development and issues surrounding funding of non-government schools.

Denis has retired from the APS after 27 years experience in the Department of Education, Training and Employment. His two sons, Kieran and Eamon have been educated at MacKillop. Denis was educated by the Christian Brothers of St Joseph's, North Melbourne and at De La Salle College, Malvern. He is a keen supporter of the AFL Club North Melbourne.

Denis O'Connor brings wisdom, judgment, and experience to this important role and I welcome him on behalf of the St Mary MacKillop College community.

### Angie Drake, Candidate for Molonglo

Andrie Drake, parent of Harley (Year 10) and Lewis (Year 8) and ALP candidates for Molonglo visited the College earlier this week to meet some of our student leaders, Isabella Campus teachers, Board Chair Dennis O'Connor, and senior students in the playground.

All candidates for election who have expressed an interest in visiting the College have been welcomed without endorsement of their policies or campaign.

Angie's interest in MacKillop goes well beyond running for the Assembly and her time at the College so close to polling day was appreciated.

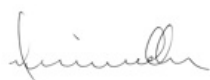
### Mobile Phone policy at MacKillop

The staff and College Board are interested in a review of this policy. A parent information evening will be held later this Term to outline the current policy, explain ways that phones can be an educational tool, and to hear the views of parents.

A working party of staff and Board Members will record the views of this meeting, those of the Student Representative Council on both campuses, and of the staff. A draft policy will then be posted on the College website for comment.

Interested parents are encouraged to email their thoughts to [michael.lee@mackillop.act.edu.au](mailto:michael.lee@mackillop.act.edu.au).

Yours in St Mary MacKillop,



**Mr Michael Lee**  
College Principal

See College Calendar for more dates

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# School Fees

## Fees have been sent

Term 4 Fees have now been sent out. Fees are to be paid by 2 November 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

## School Shoes

There are a number of students who are currently wearing school shoes that do not meet the requirements of College Uniform Policy. Policy states that school shoes should be traditional, black, lace up and polishable (p12 College Diary). Traditional school shoes have a heel and a sole which is of sufficient density to ensure safety in the differing learning areas where students work.

The first example below illustrates the style of school shoe the College expects students to wear. The second example is unacceptable for two reasons: the shoe is not polishable and it has no heel. The third example highlights a shoe that is not robust enough because it covers less of the foot and has a thin sole.



Example 1



Example 2



Example 3

It is greatly appreciated that when parents are purchasing new shoes for the sons and daughters that these requirements are observed. In terms of students who are currently wearing shoes that do not meet our requirement the College asks that this is addressed as soon as is practical.

*Steve Lowe (Acting) & Lois White  
Assistant Principals, Pastoral Care*

# Future Stars

## Congratulations!

Andrew Robinson (Year 12) has just completed a tour of New Zealand and the Pacific Islands for the Australian Schoolboys Rugby Union team.

Lachlan Main (Year 12) qualified for the Queen's Scout Award after several years of hard work and many adventures. He will receive this award from the Governor General in November.

# Careers/VET

## ASBA - Hairdressing

A local hairdresser has contacted the College seeking to employ an interested and motivated student to undertake an Australian School Based Apprenticeship in Hairdressing. You need to be in either Year 10 or 11 and attending MacKillop in 2013. Please see Ms Hundy ASAP as this opportunity will not last long.

## ASBA - Automotive

Participating Canberra Toyota Dealers are offering numerous positions for Australian School Based Apprenticeships commencing in 2013.

Current Year 10 students interested in an automotive ASBA are invited to attend the T3 Information Evening on 27 November at the Toyota Training Room at Fyshwick Trade Skills Centre, CIT, Mildura Street, Fyshwick, starting at 5pm.

All interested students MUST attend the information session, complete an Expression of Interest (available through Ms Hundy) and complete work experience with one of the dealers listed on the Expression of Interest form. Interested students should see Ms Hundy or contact Marisa Pesic on 6205 7263.

## Women in Army Information Session

Defence Force Recruiting will host a very special information session designed specially for young women at school who are interested in discovering their career opportunities. There are over 200 different roles open to women in the Australian Defence Force. Whether you want a degree, diploma, trade or general position, the Australian Defence Force can help you find the career that is right for you.

The session will take place on Friday 26 October between 1-2pm in the Medibank Building in Woden. To RSVP, call 6212 2777 or see Ms Hundy for more details.

*Karen Hundy  
Careers/VET Coordinator*

# Community News

## Cricket Australia

It is still not too late to enroll in In2CRICKET, T20 Blast and Girls Junior Cricket. For more information please contact Matthew on 0416 531 998 or [matthew.william@cricket.com.au](mailto:matthew.william@cricket.com.au) or visit [www.in2CRICKET.com.au](http://www.in2CRICKET.com.au) or [www.T20Blast.com.au](http://www.T20Blast.com.au).

## Archdiocesan Commission for Women

The Annual Open Meeting of the Commission will take place on Saturday 27 October at 10am at the Rheinberger Centre on Weston Street, Yarralumla. Entry cost is a gold coin. Bishop Pat Power will speak on significant figures in the archdiocese's first 150 years. For more information, call Judy on 0400 766 784.