

Important Dates & Events

NOV.
TUESDAY
20

- Year 12 Breakfast and Farewell Assembly

NOV.
WEDNESDAY
21

- 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

DEC.
TUESDAY
11

- Year 6 Induction Day
- Year 10 2013 Transition Day

See College Calendar for more dates

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"Lord, we pray for all those in our community who are ill, and for those who care for them. Amen"

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Remembrance Day 2012

Thank you to College Captains Ashlee Evans and Tyler Friend and to the Captains for 2013 Morgan Rosin and Nathan Backer who accompanied me to the Remembrance Day observations at the Australian War Memorial last Sunday morning.

In a moving ceremony in the presence of Her Excellency the Governor General Quentin Bryce and the Prime Minister Julia Gillard, our students represented the St Mary MacKillop community with real dignity. Many at the War Memorial favourably commented upon their presence.

Observations were conducted at the College on Friday. The increasing preparedness of young people to pause, reflect, and give thanks for the sacrifice of Australians for Australia speaks well for the future. I am so proud of the way our students do this.

Lest we forget.

ACEL Excellence in Education Leadership Award

Congratulations to Michelle Marks, Deputy Principal Curriculum, long serving staff member at MacKillop. Michelle was nominated for an Excellence in Teacher Leadership Award by the College community. The Award is given by the Australian College of Educational Leaders and Michelle was presented with this award at the Ottoman Restaurant last Thursday evening. The award acknowledged Michelle's leadership in curriculum, teacher mentoring, assessment, and the designing of resources including the new science wing on the Wanniasa Campus.

Few of the recipients of this award were more deserving. Congratulations, Michelle!

Wanniasa Campus Captains 2013

Congratulations to Rose Brassil and Jacob Creech who yesterday were elected Captains of the Wanniasa Campus for 2013. All candidates for the positions were outstanding and it reflects well on Rose and Jacob that they were selected by their peers and teachers for these important roles. I am sure they will both add to the student leadership provided to that campus and to the school community.

Congratulations also to the 325 students that voted; not one informal vote was recorded. This reflects well on the maturity of the year group.

Farewell Alison Jeffries, Principal of St Clare's College, Griffith

The resignation of St Clare's Principal Alison Jeffries was announced at the end of October. Alison will be moving to a significant position of leadership within the Catholic Education Office in Brisbane.

Alison Jeffries served the MacKillop community for a number of years most notably in the senior position of Campus Head. She was also a parent of MacKillop. In the early days of MacKillop, significant work was done by senior staff including Alison to build a structure, teaching staff, policies, and practices that were fundamental to the wonderful culture in which teaching and learning takes place today. Alison's work within our Archdiocesan schools system has been significant, and the MacKillop community is in her debt.

I am sure all of us wish her well in this next stage of her distinguished career.

Yours in St Mary MacKillop,



Mr Michael Lee, College Principal

Events

Phone Policy

Mobile Phone Policy parent meeting

The College Executive and Board are currently reviewing the Mobile Phone Policy with emphasis on access to mobile phones for the students on the Wanniasa Campus. We are holding a Parent Meeting on Monday 19 November at 4.30pm in the IRC at Wanniasa. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your views.

Michelle Marks, Deputy Principal Curriculum

Admin

School Fees

Fees are now overdue

Fees for Term 4 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.

ACT Bursary Scheme

The ACT Government's Secondary Bursary Scheme provides assistance to low-income earners in the ACT with dependent full-time students in Years 7-10.

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

Teaching & Learning

ANU College

2012 Student Achievement

St Mary MacKillop College has had students participating in ANU Secondary College courses since its inception seven years ago. Students in Years 11 and 12 have the opportunity of undertaking classes in Physics, Chemistry, Conservation Biology, Specialist Maths and Continuing Japanese.

At the beginning of Year 11, students complete an exam in their area of expertise. If selected, students then study their course during Terms 2, 3 and 4 in Year 11 and Terms 1, 2 and 3 in Year 12. Students who undertake these courses are gifted academically as they are able to complete courses equivalent to first-year university whilst completing their studies at school.

Students who participate in these courses have always shown themselves to be motivated, enthusiastic and keen to do well. Currently we have six students in Year 12 who have just completed courses at ANU secondary College and another

three currently in Year 11. The six Year 12 graduates are: Parker Blakey, Meaghan Jones, Liam Pitt, Jack Anderson, Dominic Illidge, and Mark Harris.

The College congratulates all these students for the extra work and effort that they put into their studies. Year 12 is not easy and to be studying an extra minor is a great achievement. Students who achieve at a distinction level at ANU Secondary College are automatically offered a place in their course of choice at ANU.

Applications for 2013

Year 10 students are invited to apply for the ANU College for 2013. Classes are at the ANU between 4.30 and 7pm on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday during ACT school terms (two hours per week). Online applications close 15 February through secondarycollege.anu.edu.au.

Michelle Marks, Deputy Principal Curriculum

News

Other News

Future Stars

Lachlan Seidel, Jordan Coffey, Lachlan Brear, and Sam McDonough (Year 7) have been selected to represent the ACT at the U14 National Baseball Championships in January.

National Child Oral Health Survey

Early in Term 4, sixty families received information about the National Child Oral Health Survey. The Dental Health Program would like to remind all families who received an invitation to participate in the Survey to return their completed forms in the reply paid envelope ASAP as the dental checks for the students are scheduled to commence at the school on Monday, 26 November 2012. Replies may be returned to the College office or posted free of charge. For more information please call 6205 2768 or email amanda.blyton@act.gov.au.

Religious Education News

All students between Years 7 and 12 study Religious Education. In Years 7-10, the core curriculum document for the study of Religious Education is *Treasures New and Old*. This document was developed by the Catholic Education of Canberra Goulburn and can be accessed at www.ceocg.catholic.edu.au. In Years 11 and 12, students study Religious Education units approved by the Board of Senior Secondary Studies.

As part of the study of Religious Education a Bible is used. While we understand students can use online Bibles, to fully appreciate this book and how it is arranged and can be read we require each student to have their own Bible. Bibles are available as part of the book pack at a cost in 2013 of \$14.95. The Bible used is New visited Standard. If your son or daughter has misplaced or didn't purchase a Bible in 2012 please consider using the book pack order.

Helen Maybin, REC Wanniasa (Acting)

EXAMINATION TIMETABLE YEAR 10 (Semester 2, 2012)

Thursday 15 November 2012	Period 1-2	Mathematics
Thursday 15 November 2012	Period 3-4	Religious Education
Friday 16 November 2012	Period 1-2	Science

- ☐ 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 2, 2012)

November	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
Wednesday 21 November		
Morning (9.00)	Social and Community Work A	English T
	Legal Studies A/T	
	Information Technology DM	
Afternoon (1.15)	Maths Applications T	Specialist Mathematics Extension T
	Maths Methods T	Sociology A/T
	Maths Specialist Major T	Biology A/T
Thursday 22 November		
Morning (9.00)	Religious Education T	Religious Education T DM (1 student)
		English A
		Human Movement T
Afternoon (1.15)	Specialist Mathematics Extension T	Maths Applications T
	Business Studies A/T	Maths Methods T
	Chemistry T	Maths Specialist Major T
	Psychology DM (2 students)	
Friday 23 November		
Morning (9.00)	Psychology A/T	Business Studies A/T
	History T DM (2 students)	History A/T
Afternoon (1.15)	Religious Education A	Religious Education A
		Chemistry T
Monday 26 November		
Morning (9.00)	Religious Education DM (2 students)	Religious Education T
	English A	
	Biology T	
Afternoon (1.15)	Sociology A/T	Psychology A/T
	Geography A/T	Geography A/T
	Physics T	
Tuesday 27 November		
Morning (9.00)	History A/T	History A DM (1 student)
	Human Movement T	Legal Studies A/T
		Physics T
Afternoon (1.15)	Holist Music A/T	Holist Music A/T
	Economics T	Economics T
		Social and Community Work A

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

SIBLING DISCOUNT

The Catholic Education Office offers a discount on Tuition fees to siblings who are attending St Mary MacKillop College and one or more of the following schools:

- ☐ Merici College
- ☐ St Clare's College
- ☐ St Francis Xavier College

If you have a student attending any of the above Colleges, as well as having a student at St Mary MacKillop College, please complete the section below and return it to the Accounts Office for the sibling discount to be applied to your account in 2013.

Please note that you do not need to fill in the form below if all siblings are attending St Mary MacKillop College as they automatically receive the sibling discount.

If you have any concerns regarding this matter, please contact the Fees Manager on 6209 0100.

Name: _____

Address: _____

STUDENT'S FULL NAME	SCHOOL ATTENDING IN 2013	Year Group 2013

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE **BY 7 December 2012**